WEATHER FORECAST

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh northwesterly winds; partly cloudy and cool.
Vancouver and Vicinity—Fresh northerly winds; mostly fair, and somewhat colder.
Juan de Fuca to Estevan—Fresh to strong northwest winds; clearing and cool.

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Marshal Chang Repents Sin Against China and Generalissimo

LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED

NANKING, Dec. 26 (AP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, restored to his place as leader of the Chinese nation, announced tonight he would recommend that the Government deal leniently with Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, penitent leader of the Northwestern China rebellion that ended yesterday with the Generalissimo's release.

Marshal Chang, arriving here, declared himself "ready to suffer whatever the Government desires, whether it be death or not."

In a letter to the Generalissimo the former rebel leader said: "I realize my wickedness and my sin against you and the nation." He referred to the rebellion he launched against the Central Government at Sianfu, Sehnsi Province, December 12, and to his holding General Chiang a prisoner there for thirteen days.

MAGNIFICENT OVATION

Marshal Chang was brought to the capital by airplane this afternoon from Loyang, Honan Province, whither he had flown with his erstwhile captive yesterday. The generalissimo and his wife had arrived two hours earlier, to receive a magnificent ovation.

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DUKE ATTENDS JOLLY PARTY

Former King Makes Merry With Poor Austrian Children

ENZESFELD, Austria, Dec. 26 (AP).—A jolly Duke of Windsor made Christmastide merry today for the children of Enzesfeld.

All but mobbed by 220 boys and girls between the ages of six and fourteen, Edward stood beside the Baroness de Rothschild in the Village Turner Hall today while his hostess handed out gift packages. He joked with the big-eyed guests, and whistled and hummed folk songs as they sang.

Eager youngsters squirmed between policemen's legs to touch the former King. None quite managed to get in his lap. The Duke seemed in good humor.

PRESENTED GIFTS

His contributions made possible the addition of many articles in the eighty packages for the poorest children, including suits, dresses, overcoats, shoes and some food and sugar.

Then the alert Duke noticed a candle near the top of the Christmas tree, flaming dangerously near the wooden hall, he nudged a fireman, who snuffed it out.

At the castle tonight there were informal celebrations for the household, including a whistling and yodeling contest. Duke Edward, it was said, has been practising for that.

HUNDREDS MEET VIOLENT DEATHS

Automobile Accidents Take 388 Lives in United States on Christmas Day

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP).—Accidental deaths in the United States during the Christmas holiday neared the 500 mark tonight. Automobiles accounted for the majority, but many forms of accidents contributed to the 468 total.

Warm weather, a boon to motorists, was held largely responsible for 388 traffic deaths.

Drowning, falls, fire, train, airplane and even fireworks added to this Yuletide casualty list. Brawls and despondency also took lives.

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When Dutch Plane Crashed

Twelve people were killed when this Dutch K.L.M. Douglas air liner crashed into two houses on the edge of Croydon Aerodrome, and one of them was Senor de la Cierva, famous autogyro inventor. Five other passengers were taken to hospital, suffering from burns and shock.

Name Committee To Study Sport Fishing Matters

Ottawa Names Dr. W. A. Clemens and Major J. A. Motherwell as Dominion Representatives On Board to Investigate Overlapping of Authority—Province to Name Third

(Special to The Colonist)

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Dr. W. A. Clemens, in charge of the Biological Station at Nanaimo, and Major J. A. Motherwell, superintendent at Vancouver for the Dominion Department of Fisheries, today were officially named members of the inquiry committee to probe sport fishing activities in British Columbia.

Announcement of the appointments was made tonight by Fisheries Minister Michaud. The British Columbia Government is to name the third member of the investigating body, the report of which is expected to be made about March 1 jointly to the Governments at Ottawa and Victoria.

The inquiry will delve in questions of overlapping of work by Dominion and Provincial authorities. It will examine also into submissions of British Columbia that the Dominion Administration should bear the whole cost of sport fishing propagation and supervision on the Pacific Coast.

Agreement to set up the inquiry was made two months ago at conferences here between Mr. Michaud and Provincial Attorney-General Gordon Sloan.

EXPECT HYDRO PACT TO PASS

Power Treaty With United States to Come Before Parliament

(Special to The Colonist)

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—In highest official circles it was learned the Mackenzie King Government has given assurance to Washington that the Canada-United States St. Lawrence Waterways Treaty, negotiated during the Bennett regime, would be submitted the Dominion Parliament for approval without delay, providing the United States Senate ratifies it by the necessary two-thirds majority.

Depending on the result and speed accomplished in the United States Senate, the official expectation here is that moving of ratification may be made at the coming short session, but will be postponed until the 1938 sitting of Parliament.

QUEBEC OPPOSED

Quebec private power companies are preparing to fight the project, which would make 2,500,000 horsepower available, one-half of which would be for Canadian utilization. It is reported the Government is considering offering some concession to Liberal Premier Hepburn of Ontario to lighten the Province's contribution, with a view to overcoming his objections to the scheme.

If submitted after ratification, first by the United States Senate, the general belief is both the Commons and Senate would ratify the treaty.

MANY KILLED IN SHIP EXPLOSION

Twenty-Six Lose Lives When Blast Sinks Steamer in Eritrea—Hundred Injured

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP).—Efforts were begun tonight to raise the 8,000-ton steamship Cesare Battisti, which sank in the Massaua, Italian Eritrea, harbor after an explosion in which twenty-six were killed and 100 injured. Of the injured, twenty were in critical condition.

The explosion started a fire which spread along the waterfront and destroyed several buildings, including the offices of the port authority.

JAPAN TOWN IS RAZED BY EARTHQUAKE

Shock One of Strongest Ever Recorded—Extent of Casualties Unknown

BUILDINGS COLLAPSE AND SLIDES STARTED

TOKIO, Dec. 27 (AP). — The Domei (Japanese) news agency reported today the town of Jiijima, in the Tokio prefecture, was destroyed in an earthquake at 9:15 a.m. today (4:15 p.m., Saturday, P.S.T.). It said the casualties were not known.

The earthquake, which was exceptionally severe, had its centre at the bottom of the sea near Oshima, Chiba prefecture.

A number of houses ashore collapsed and the shock was followed by many landslides.

EXCEPTIONALLY SEVERE

The official meterological bureau described the earthquake as one of the strongest ever recorded in Japan.

The bureau said that if the earthquake had occurred on the land the damage would have been incalculable.

Jiijima is a small island with a population of 4,000 persons. It is near Oshima Island, noted as "Suicide Island."

WRECKAGE OF PLANE FOUND

Fate of Two Men in Idaho Air Liner Crash Remains Mystery

KELLOGG, Idaho, Dec. 26 (AP).—Two parties on snowshoes trudged again into the mountain wilderness south of here late today to seek in the twisted wreckage of a Northwest Airlines transport the bodies of two pilots and nearly 500 pounds of Christmas mail.

A wiry woodsman, Fred Cunningham, hiked fifteen miles out of the St. Joe National Forest today with first word that a ground party had stumbled onto the crumpled remains of the big plane which crashed before dawn last Friday. Pilots Joe Livermore, Spokane, and Arthur A. Haid, Seattle, were aboard.

Appearing dramatically at the Kellogg airport shortly before noon, Cunningham said: "I know it was the plane because I touched it."

The wreckage, under a blanket of snow, continued to cloak the fate of the two pilots. Cunningham did not dig into the wreckage to examine it or to look for the bodies.

FIVE BABIES BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C). — Five babies, all boys, were born in Vancouver and New Westminster on Christmas Day. The first arrival was at North Vancouver, where a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Chamberlain, of Nootka Lighthouse.

TRADE DELEGATION LEAVES

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Headed by Trade Minister William Euler, the Canadian delegation to negotiate revisons of trade pacts with Australia and New Zealand left Ottawa tonight to sail from Vancouver on the liner Aorangi. It will be back from the Antipodes on March 25.

SEAMEN FILE CHARGES AGAINST POLICEMEN

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21 (AP).—More than 100 striking seamen, some with heads bandaged, filed charges of aggravated assault against seven Houston policemen today, in connection with a Christmas Eve disturbance on the waterfront.

The seamen, after a mass meeting, went to the office of Justice Tom Maes to file the charges.

Canada Progressing Well Along Path of Economic Recovery

New Business Peaks Appearing Along the Way—Industrial Production Near All-Time High Figures—Mining Development Phenomenal

By ALEX PRINGLE
Canadian Press Financial Writer.

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (C).—With the low point of economic slough nearly four years behind, Canada has progressed so far on the recovery road that new business peaks are appearing along the way.

The volume of Canadian industrial production, according to the latest available League of Nations' bulletin, has recovered to about 97 per cent of the all-time high registered in 1929, an achievement that places Canada sixth from the top among the nations in business convalescence.

Standing out also in the 1936 record of economic progress appears the phenomenal expansion of the mining industry, the improved condition of the farming population, near-record expenditure in Canada by tourists from abroad and the marked betterment of the Dominion's exports and the favorable trade balance.

Revenue from the fishing industry has lagged, building is far behind other lines and the production of capital goods is just beginning to

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Minister to Ask Three Japanese Envoys to Resign

TOKIO, Dec. 27 (AP).—The newspaper Nichi Nichi today reported that Hichiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, will soon make extensive changes in Japan's diplomatic service. It said he would accept the resignations of Hirosi Saito, Ambassador to Washington; Viscount Kimitomo Mushakoji, Ambassador to Berlin, and Naotake Sato, Ambassador to Paris.

CREW ASHORE AT HONOLULU

New Zealand Freighter Proceeding With Aid of Passengers

HONOLULU, T.H., Dec. 26 (AP).—The New Zealand freighter Limerick sailed today for Auckland leaving behind thirty-one striking members of the crew. In their place six passengers were prepared to join the officers and stewards in handling the vessel on its fourteen-day voyage.

Thirteen firemen and eighteen deck hands, who quit in protest against use of non-union stevedores in unloading the craft, were advised by the British Consul to be aboard the Limerick at noon, but remained ashore.

The volunteer passengers will take two-hour tricks at the wheel and aid the four officers, ten engineers and five sailors who remained on duty.

DECLARED "HOT"

Spokesmen for the strikers said they refused to return to the ship because New Zealand labor unions classified it as "hot" as a result of the employment of non-union stevedores. They predicted New Zealand unions would back the strikers' stand, thus extending to New Zealand the effect of the Pacific Coast maritime strike.

Immigration authorities here said if the crew members are still in the islands sixty days hence they will be arrested and deported to New Zealand.

The Limerick arrived December 21 from Vancouver, B.C., with food for Hawaii. The cargo was unloaded by hand after the crew called a "sitdown strike" and refused to furnish steam for the winches. Some 2,700 tons of foodstuffs was unloaded.

MANY DROWN AS BOAT CAPSIZES

At Least Fifteen Perish in Kingston Harbor—Twenty-One Rescued

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 26 (C).—An overloaded harbor launch, crowded with happy Christmas holidayers, capsized less than a mile offshore yesterday, bringing death to at least fifteen persons.

At nightfall, five persons known to have been aboard the launch were unaccounted for. The bodies of nine others, including four children, were recovered from the water shortly after the launch overturned and one other man died in hospital. All the launch's passengers were negroes.

At 8 a.m. the launch Zepher pulled away from Victoria Market Pier. The little boat was licensed to carry only thirty passengers, but survivors said they believed it was heavily overloaded.

THROWN INTO HARBOR

Half an hour after, its passengers were tossed into the harbor when the Zepher overturned while circling a steamship anchored in the stream.

In scenes of terrifying confusion, twenty-one persons were rescued by nearby boats. Many of those rescued were unconscious and required hospital treatment.

Doctors said three were in critical condition and near death.

It was impossible to determine immediately the number of passengers the Zepher carried on her ill-fated trip. The coxswain, who held the only records of the cruise, was among those drowned. It was known there were at least thirty-five persons aboard.

TWO MEN KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 26 (AP).—Christmas brought death for two men in traffic accidents in Washington State and injuries to many others.

Charles Backe, of Redmond, dashing into a highway to save his dog from an approaching automobile, was fatally injured.

At Bellingham, W. D. Terrell, sixty-five, was fatally injured when struck by a car as he walked along the Mount Baker Highway within the city limits.

Hurled over a twelve-foot embankment in an automobile-motor bus collision, eight persons received various injuries at Port Townsend.

EUROPEAN ANXIETY GROWING OVER ATTITUDE OF GERMANY

Wife Credited With Winning Release

MME. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

WHO braved the hardships of the captivity of her husband, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, to negotiate directly with the rebel Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, to obtain his release.

Berlin's Ultimatum to Madrid Government Over Seizure of Steamer Palos Intensifies Situation—France Considers Offering Hitler Return Of Former Colonies as Price of Peace

London Admits Outlook Is Disquieting, but Is Hopeful

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—Germany's ultimatum to the Spanish Socialist Government and the Europe-wide discussion of prospects for return of some of the Reich's pre-war colonies today gave the British Government two new items for anxious study in Europe's crisis.

Berlin's threat of unspecified "reprisals" against the Madrid-Valencia regime if the steamer Palos is not released immediately introduced a fresh disturbing element into an already ominous situation, London officials said.

A Foreign Office spokesman characterized the outlook as "disquieting," but expressed hope a satisfactory adjustment can be made.

Suggestions that some of her former colonies be returned as one means of lessening the Reich's economic difficulties and thereby aligning Germany on the side of peace, evoked reiteration of the official British contention that all such questions must be handled through the League of Nations.

VIEWS UNCHANGED

The British Government's views regarding redistribution of the territories gained by the Allies as a result of the Great War, remain unchanged, it was stated.

Britain's position always has been that the League must lead in any decision relative to the lands which Britain received under the League's mandate.

Moreover, the views of the British Dominions, especially the Union of South Africa with regard to African colonies and Australia, where the Pacific Islands are concerned, must be a dominant factor in any territorial readjustment, it was stated.

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Royal Baby Is Born on Christmas

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—England's newest royal baby may be called Mary, it was reported tonight, because that is the name of the Queen Mother and because she was born on Christmas.

The child, sixth in line of succession to the throne, and her mother, the Duchess of Kent, were said to be "doing very well." The first child of the Duke and Duchess, Prince Edward, was born on October 9, 1935.

Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary, whose presence at the birth of either a prince or princess is required by constitutional practice, was among those at the Belgrave Square home of the Duke of Kent when the little girl arrived.

Four Hundred Men Treated For Poisoning

SANDUSKY, Ohio, Dec. 26 (AP).—Four hundred men became violently ill tonight and received hospital treatment for food poisoning after eating the evening meal at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home here.

Major E. T. Thorson, adjutant at the home, said late tonight that all the men apparently were recovering, although fifty remained in the institution's hospital and 100 others were "pretty sick" in their cottages.

Seattle Grocer Shot by Bandit

SEATTLE, Dec. 26 (AP).—One of two robbers wounded Herman Brunegraf, sixty-two, grocer, slightly on the forehead with a revolver bullet tonight when he resisted an attempted hold-up.

Brunegraf told police one of the men pointed the weapon at him, picked 30 cents out of a cash drawer and then started to search the grocer, who had $150 in his clothing.

Brunegraf shoved the robber toward a doorway and the man fired. Both robbers fled.

DEATH TAKES A. BRISBANE

Noted Newspaper Columnist Passes in New York After Heart Seizure

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Arthur Brisbane, seventy-two, the voice of "Today"—newspaper column known to millions—died Christmas morning.

America's highest-paid newspaper writer, the veteran newspaperman succumbed to a heart seizure in his Fifth Avenue apartment twelve hours after he had written his last column for Christmas Day editions.

The end came as he slept. He had suffered a mild heart attack yesterday, but recovered sufficiently to perform his daily task of dictating approximately eight hundred words of timely editorial comment on the news of the world—a syndicated column which was the mainstay of his $260,000-a-year salary.

ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Shortly after "reading proof," the writer drifted off to sleep under an oxygen tent. He had been ill for several days, a member of the family stated, but had allowed no word of his condition to be made known.

His family, including his wife; his son, Seward, twenty-two, and four daughters, Mrs. Regan McCrary, twenty-three; Emily, eighteen, Alice,

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POSTAL WORKERS RECEIVE REPLY

Sarcastic Wire to Prime Minister Mackenzie King Brings Prompt Answer

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C).—Post-office employees in Vancouver who worked all Christmas Day, revealed tonight they had stopped long enough to send the following to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, at Ottawa.

"Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Ottawa—Hope you enjoy your Christmas dinner. We are working." The message was signed by the postal staff of Vancouver.

The following reply was promptly received from the Premier.

"Your kind wire just received. I have been working double time for months, and still am. Hope you are less pressed and better able to enjoy your Christmas dinner."

Hope for Recovery of Pope Pius Dwindles As Paralysis Gains

Attack Reported to Be Advancing With Aged Pontiff Now Unable to Use Left Arm—Suffering Insistent Spasms of Pain

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 27 (AP).—Pope Pius slept uneasily early this morning as pain frequently aroused him, well-informed sources reported today, after prelates' hope for the Pontiff's recovery had dwindled with reliable reports paralysis had extended over his entire left side.

The Pope before attempting to go to sleep recited the Rosary with his secretaries.

Doctors remained within call, it was said, and nurses maintained a constant vigil.

LEFT ARM USELESS

The circulatory congestion, accompanied by old age complications, was declared to have made the Holy Father's left arm useless. The seventy-nine-year-old Pope was not able to move his legs throughout the day, authoritative sources said.

Osservatore Romano, official Vatican newspaper, described the Pontiff as suffering from "piercing insistent spasms of pain."

Only Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, was allowed inside the sickroom with Dr. Amanti Milani, the Pontiff's physician, who was said to be in almost

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DEFENDERS OF MADRID GAIN

Defences Strengthened in Recaptured Sector During Gloomy Christmas

MADRID, Dec. 26 (AP).—The "people's army" held its ground today as Madrid's gloomiest Christmas ended and the eighth week of siege began.

Strong defences were thrown up in the recaptured Boadilla sector seven miles west of Madrid—routing whatever hope the Fascists might have had of celebrating in Madrid the "children's feast of the three kings"—when the Spanish children await Santa Claus.

Authorities had not decided whether to permit the Madrilenos to herald the new year by eating the traditional twelve grapes as the strokes of midnight are tolled from the now war-scarred Puerta Del Sol, Madrid's "Times Square."

Officials said today they were confident international opinion was swinging to the side of the Socialist Government.

Except for the Boadilla advance, the war front was quiet after yesterday's bombardment of the capital in which at least five residents were killed.

MAKES DASH FOR STRICKEN WOMAN

Motor Launch Twice Forced Back By Heavy Seas Before Reaching Woodfibre

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C).—Mrs. Michael Bundy was in serious condition in hospital here tonight after a twenty-mile run from Woodfibre, in Howe Sound, through rough seas in the cruiser Commodore.

Howard Rogers, operator of the Commodore, was turned back three times before he could make the run from Horseshoe Bay to Woodfibre.

On his return he was met at Horseshoe Bay by an ambulance, which brought the sick woman to hospital here.

ESCAPES FROM MAN BELIEVED FUGITIVE

DONIPHAN, Mo., Dec. 26 (AP). — William Hicks, filling station attendant, telephoned Capt. A. B. Sheppard, of the state highway patrol, from Salem, Ill., tonight that he had escaped from a man, thought to be Claude McGee, convicted murderer, who had kidnapped him near here early this morning.

Abandoning his automobile to his captor, Hicks said he jumped out and ran. The man drove off toward East St. Louis, Ill.

Scurrah's

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$29.75 Values. Now	$14.75	$45.00 Values. Now	$22.50
$35.00 Values. Now	$17.50	$49.75 Values. Now	$24.75

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Canada's Mining Has Bumper Year At $340,000,000

Gold and Nickel Head List of Increased Metallic Products With Other Minerals Mostly Up—New Figures Constitute a High for the Whole of the Dominion

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP).—Mineral production in Canada in 1936 will exceed $340,000,000, an all-time high, according to a review of the industry issued by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources. Value in 1935 was $312,000,000, the previous high record, with 1929 total of $310,000,000 next highest.

Gold led the parade this year with an estimated value of more than $130,000,000. This was an increase of almost $15,000,000 over 1935, the previous high. Approximately thirty new mines were brought into production during 1936.

All along the line, both in metallic and non-metallic minerals, production values in 1936 topped the year before. The only metal to falter was silver, which showed a decrease of 26 per cent for the first ten months of this year, largely because of the slump in the price of the white metal.

PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

The year was notable in the petroleum industry, for crude oil in quantity was struck in Alberta for the first time last June. The first crude oil well was discovered in the Turner Valley that month and a second has been brought in since. They have a total daily estimated flow of 1,500 barrels. In the past all the gasoline recovered in the Turner Valley was from naptha-laden gas.

Total dividend payments for mining companies for 1936 are estimated at $75,000,000 as compared with $58,000,000 in 1935. More men were employed and more funds were disbursed in salaries and wages than in any previous year.

Expenditures on supplies and equipment by the mines for electrical power and for various other services will likely reach $100,000,000, which compares with approximately $75,000,000 in 1934, the last official returns available.

Production of six metals—gold, nickel, copper, lead, zinc and silver for 1936—has been estimated by the department at $241,908,200 as compared with $214,585,900 in 1935. This year's figures are based on actual returns for ten months and estimates for November and December.

MANY INCREASES

Estimated value of production with percentage increase or decrease from 1935 are: Gold, $130,000,000, increase of 12 per cent; nickel, $55,615,000, increase of 25 per cent; copper, $38,000,000, increase of 17 per cent; lead, $11,73,000, increase of 10 per cent; zinc, $10,915,000, increase of 10 per cent; silver, $7,916,000, decrease of 26 per cent.

In the non-metallic minerals ten-month figures of production show increases everywhere. Ten-month figures, with the corresponding nine months of last year in brackets, are: Asbestos, 242,600 tons (168,700); cement, 3,472,200 barrels (2,746,900); clay products, $2,379,500 ($2185,700); coal, 10,433,100 tons (9,413,700); feldspar, 14,900 tons (11,700); gypsum, 568,100 tons (393,300); lime, 317,700 tons (296,300); natural gas, 19,589,600,000 cubic feet (17,624,500,000); petroleum, 1,098,400 barrels (1,081,800); salt, 158,500 tons (154,700).

Most of these increases were due to increased building activity.

Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba established new output records in the mining industry. Practically all other mineral-producing provinces shared in the prosperity.

In British Columbia, lode gold production hit a new high record, and placer gold output is believed to have reached the highest value since 1904. Silver and copper production is down. Prospecting is active in many localities.

The two crude oil wells in the Turner Valley field overshadowed all other developments in Alberta. One of the wells is the deepest of its kind in the British Empire.

In Saskatchewan, diligent efforts are being made to bring the new gold field at Lake Athabaska into successful production. New interest was attached to the area following discovery of large sulphate deposits carrying values in nickel, copper and gold. Coal production was higher.

MANITOBA HAS HIGH

Manitoba had a new high in gold production, estimated value of output being $6,000,000, which was $1,000,000 more than the year before. Some idea of the development in this province is shown by comparison with 1927, when the total output was only $3,800. Several properties contributed to the 1936 output. Gold deposits discovered northeast of Norway House are being developed.

Ontario, with thirty-five gold-producing properties in steady operation at the end of 1936, had an estimated gold output of $80,000,000, or $1,600,000 more than the year before. Nickel output jumped from $35,345,000 in 1935 to $55,615,000 this year. Development operations have been carried out in the Red Lake area.

In Quebec, gold production jumped to $25,000,000, compared with $16,000,000 in 1935. In 1926 it was only $76,000. Volume of copper output will be somewhat lower than in 1935. One of the features of the year was the high-grade ore discovered on the O'Brien property, which proved a powerful incentive to exploratory work.

NEW BRUNSWICK

New Brunswick increased its output of coal as also did Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia's gold production was the highest since 1908. Gypsum output was 30 per cent higher than in 1935.

In the Northwest Territories, the year was featured by discovery of gold at Gordon Lake in the Yellow Knife territory. Further equipment was installed in the Great Bear Lake area, where the production of radium is expected to be doubled before the close of 1937.

Yukon's gold output for 1936 is estimated at $1,872,000, as compared with $1,256,000 in 1935.

The outlook is for further increases in gold production next year. By the close of 1937 it is estimated Canadian gold milling plants will have a capacity exceeding 40,000 tons daily. The growth has been rapid since 1931, when the total capacity was 16,000 tons. Base metal producers reported steady increases in demand, and the outlook for the non-metallic industry is much brighter than at any time since 1929.

SANTA SEES FAIRBRIDGE

Nearly Hundred Boys and Girls Far From Home Have Happy Time

One hundred boys and girls are celebrating the Christmas-New Year season in the open spaces of the Cowichan Valley, 6,000 miles from the scene of other Yuletides in congested areas of England.

On Christmas Day, when they searched their stockings, ate Christmas dinner and had a visit from Santa Claus himself, they fulfilled the twenty-eight-year-old dream of Kingsley Fairbridge.

Fairbridge, a Southern Rhodesia Rhodes scholar at Oxford from 1908 to 1911, decided to devote his life to helping poor boys and girls of Britain and to filling up thinly-populated areas of the Empire with healthy British stock.

Without means himself, he managed, with the aid of private subscriptions, to start his first school at Pinjarra, Australia, in 1912. He died in 1924 at the age of thirty-nine, but others continued his work. A drive started in England in 1934 under the patronage of the Prince of Wales brought $500,000 and one result was the purchase of a 1,000-acre estate north of here.

PASS TESTS FIRST

Ninety-eight boys and girls have since been brought out by Fairbridge Farm Schools, Inc., after they had passed tests for physical and mental fitness.

Ranging in age from five to fourteen, they will remain in school until they are sixteen or over, when work will be found for them. While their training is designed to place them on the land, they also pursue the ordinary studies of British Columbia boys and girls.

After they leave the farm and until they are of age half their earnings will be sent by their employers to the school and will be placed in a savings fund which may be drawn out later. The school will be a life-long home to them when they are out of employment or on holidays.

TWO MORE IN AUSTRALIA

Two schools have been established recently in the Australian States of Victoria and New South Wales. Another in either Ontario or Nova Scotia is being discussed and others are tentatively planned for New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia.

Lieutenant-Colonel Harry T. Logan, principal of the school, was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford with Fairbridge and was a member of the first Fairbridge Farms executive committee, named October 19, 1909. He is a native of Londonderry, N.S., and came to Vancouver with his parents in 1892. His father was the late Rev. Dr. John A. Logan.

MISSING PERSONS SOUGHT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27 (CP).—British Columbia police here today were asked to search for F. H. S. Ingram, who left Kelowna for Vancouver last Monday and has not been heard of since.

City police are searching for Sophia Pastuk, twenty-four, last seen Friday night as she was walking in the West End of the city toward Stanley Park.

RECALL MANY INCIDENTS AS BITTER OMENS

Superstitious Point to Mishap to Imperial Crown as First Indication

OTHER EVENTS NOW DUBBED AS SIGNS

By GODFREY ANDERSON
Associated Press Foreign Staff.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—With Edward VIII in self-imposed exile and a king no more, superstitious Englishmen are recalling incidents which they now dub omens of a brief unhappy reign.

First they place the mishap to the Imperial Crown during King George V's funeral procession.

As the gun-carriage bearing the body rattled through the sanded streets to Westminster Hall for the lying-in-state, the Maltese Cross surmounting the crown worked loose and fell into the road. An officer of the escort picked it up, found it damaged and put it in his pocket. To the superstitious this was portent number one.

FUNERAL PROCESSION

Next came the disastrous scenes on the day of the State funeral procession, when the route was so thickly jammed with spectators that many were injured and police arrangements for a time broke down.

When King Edward began to make his first public appearances, hundreds commented on the fact that he failed to enjoy the "king's weather," which was so noticeable a feature of the three previous reigns.

Whereas King George almost invariably had fine and sunny weather for his appearances, King Edward was dogged by a succession of wet and gloomy days.

DARKENED BY INCIDENT

Although the sun shone brilliantly for the presentation of new colors to the guards in Hyde Park on July 16, the day was darkened for many by the alarming incident on Constitution Hill, when a loaded revolver was thrown at his horse's feet.

Stamp collectors drew attention to the fact that the new issues of postage stamps showed the King's head turned away from the light and facing into gloom.

Most prophetic seemed Edward's Christmas cards, which were sent to his friends from a foreign land.

Over the words "the white walls of England" appeared a picture of the chalk cliffs of Dover as seen from the middle of the English Channel—the last glimpse of the homeland any exile sees as he sails away from these shores.

ALCOHOL FROM FARM PRODUCTS

Scientists Predict Fuel Will Be Economic Force in Agriculture

ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 26.—Two men of letters in the science of chemistry, both familiar with farm woes, predicted today that power alcohol within ten years will become an economic force in American agriculture.

Back of this statement by Dr. Leo M. Christensen and Dr. Harry Miller was three months of commercial production on a research basis of anhydrous (water free) alcohol made from a wide variety of farm-grown raw materials.

Laboratory experiments over a period of years had convinced them that anhydrous alcohol could be blended up to 20 per cent with gasoline and used successfully as a fuel for high-compression combustion engines. It is being sold today from service stations in four states Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa. The price is the same as for regular gasoline.

IN GRAIN BELT

Dr. Christensen and Dr. Miller came less than a year ago to Atchison, near the centre of the vast grain-producing belt. Sponsored by the Chemical Foundation, they rebuilt an alcohol plant.

Other raw materials were also sought for conversion. Carloads of cull sweet potatoes, molasses, rice, grain sorghums, rye, oats and barley went into the plant. Wheat, Irish potatoes and Jerusalem artichokes are yet to be tried.

Some of the raw materials have been tried in combinations. One of the best, Dr. Christensen said, has been grain sorghum, oats and barley.

"We can operate profitably," Dr. Christensen said, "paying the farmer from a cent to a cent and a quarter a pound for raw material. The ten-year average price for many farm products suitable for conversion is less than a cent a pound.

FOUR HOLDUPS IN VANCOUVER

Police Kept Busy With Robberies and Burglaries Over Holidays

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (CP).—Four holdups and numerous burglaries held the attention of city police over Christmas and Boxing Day in Vancouver.

Walter Hamilton reported two men stepped from a car on a residential street, bore him to the ground and took $55 from his pockets. No gun was used, Hamilton said.

N. Nishi, Japanese fruit store proprietor, told police a lone bandit, armed with a nickel-plated revolver, held him up in the store and fled with $12 from the cash register.

FLEES WHEN STRUCK

A man who tried to hold up H. Hutchinson at the point of a gun when the latter opened the door of his home in answer to a knock, fled without when his intended victim struck him.

Two men who came to the home of Thomas L. Mitchell and demanded money fled after inflicting slight head injuries on their victim when he refused to pay.

Police widened their search for the passers of Mexican money which recently has been prevalent in the city as a cafe proprietor reported losing $10 when he cashed a 10 peso Mexican bill for a man.

GERMAN ATTITUDE CAUSING ANXIETY

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British officials, on the other hand, were clearly alive to Germany's pressing need for raw materials, and to the fact that the whole problem of colonies may have to be reconsidered.

HITLER HOLDS KEY

With first editions of the Sunday newspapers on the streets—London's first in nearly forty-eight hours—the British public emerged from its newsless Christmas celebration to realization that a critical situation confronts Europe, with Germany's Reichafuehrer Hitler as the key figure.

The general tone of newspaper comment was hopeful, but there was no attempt to minimise the gravity of the situation arising from Germany's economic straits and the danger of large-scale German intervention in the Spanish civil war.

FRANCE MAKES OFFER

PARIS Dec. 26 (AP).—France offered today to give back Germany's war-lost colonies in exchange for peace.

French Foreign Office officials, fearful that Chancellor Adolf Hitler might send troops to Spain to back up his recognition of the Spanish Fascist Junta, outlined this course to avoid the danger of European war.

Hitler may have back his colonies, held now by France under League of Nations mandate, if he will.

Agree to "full and lasting settlement" of European political and economic problems.

Stop enlistment of German volunteers to Spain.

Participate in controlled disarmament of Europe.

Renounce territorial claims within Europe.

Co-operate with the rest of the world in a programme of economic rehabilitation.

(Since the former German colonies now are administered under League of Nations' mandates, any return to Germany would have to be through the League.

(The French offer was interpreted as an assertion of France's willingness to do her part, but some arrangement, as yet undefined, would have to be worked out for League action.

(In London, it was pointed out that Britain's position with regard to the former German territories now under British mandate, remained unchanged that the League must handle the question of any territorial redistribution.)

UNITE ON FORCE

France, Britain, Germany and Italy might unite to force peace in Spain, if Hitler agrees to withhold aid from the Spanish Fascist Government, French Foreign Office officials predicted.

Such an effort to force compromise between Fascist General Francisco Franco and Socialist Premier Francisco Largo Cabellero would be an inevitable result of any German agreement to withdraw help from Burgos, they said.

There are indications, they said, Hitler would demand some solution in Spain which would prevent Franco's complete defeat and loss of prestige for Germany, which has recognized his government.

"France and Great Britain want neither Communist nor Fascist State in Spain," one official said. "We may have to force both sides to cease fighting and submit to compromise in order to save the prestige of European nations which have backed either one side or the other."

CONSIDER BLOCKADE

An indiscriminate blockade of the entire Spanish nation might be resorted to, to force a quick end to warfare, officials said. They said the suggestion already had been conveyed to Berlin and that Chancellor Hitler had not yet made an answer.

While willing to return the colonies to Germany under definite conditions for peace, if Hitler wants the colonies for war-like purposes, "he will have to take them from France by force," Foreign Office spokesmen said.

Great Britain will join with France in furthering the peace programme, authoritative sources said, and if Hitler is co-operative he may expect aid from France in finding better markets from which to obtain much needed raw materials.

Return of the colonies itself would give Hitler a vast source of the materials he desires.

Chiefly concerned are Togoland and the Cameroons, African territory of 188,321 square miles. Togoland provides iron, rubber, dyewoods. Cameroon has timber, hides and ivory, and is excellent for livestock raising.

GERMANY LISTENING

BERLIN Dec. 26 (AP).—Germany hinted tonight that return of her colonial empire would do much to lessen the danger of European war and solve the crisis over foreign aid to Spanish Civil War combatants.

Chancellor Hitler's frequently-voiced desire for colonies to supply raw materials, increased in fervor by the current lack of many food supplies, was discussed in Paris over the week-end, reliable informants said today.

This discussion, it was said, was coupled with the conversations between French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos and German Ambassador Count Johannes von Welczek over reports that Germany was considering sending 60,000 regular soldiers to aid Spanish Fascist General Francisco Franco.

(Foreign Office officials in Paris said today France would return the African colonies, held under League of Nations mandate, if Hitler would agree to a disarmament programme, economic collaboration with other nations and a pledge to peace.)

METALS NOT GLORY

Delbos, warning Germany against dispatching troops to Spain, and pushing a British-French demand that foreign volunteer enlistments be halted, was said also to have expressed the belief that desire for Spanish ores inspired Nazi backing of the Spanish Fascist junta.

Spanish iron, copper, lead and manganese, rather than the pursuit of glory or the desire to foster a new Fascist state, was the motive behind the German "volunteer" enlistments, Delbos hinted, according to Berlin informants.

Germany needs these minerals badly.

MAESTRO GIVEN FINE OVATION

Toscanini Conducts Palestine Symphony Orchestra In First Concert

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 26 (AP).—Arturo Toscanini tonight received a tremendous ovation as he conducted the new Palestine Symphony Orchestra in its first concert—but left the stage in a rage when a flashlight photograph was taken.

The flash came in the midst of thunderous applause for the conductor at the end of the concert and Toscanini rushed away to his dressing-room.

Cheering continued for the maestro, but he refused to return to receive the plaudits of the crowd.

Later he said the orchestra, composed mostly of Jewish refugees from Germany, lived up to his expectations.

The musicians played the music of Nazi-despised Mendelssohn, of Brahms, of Franz Schubert.

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Firemen and Police Work On Christmas

Christmas was more or less "just another day" for Victoria police and firemen.

Full shifts were maintained at every hour of the festive day. There were regular beats to cover, supervision and investigations to be made by police, while firemen had to be ready for any emergency that might have arisen, although the record of past Yuletides shows there have been few fires on Christmas Day.

Hotel employees, too, were on hand for many hours of the day. It was their business to see that others thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas, and this they did.

PASSES AWAY AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP).—James R. Dixon, sixty-four, widely known in the automobile field, founder of Dixon's Bureau of Equity and managing director and secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Automobile Dealers' Association, died at his home here yesterday.

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Occupational Ills Hits Flyer's Nerves Declares Specialist

Average Pilot Suffers From New Type of Disease, Due to Strain and Mental Tension—Recent Crashes Are Being Studied

By CHARLES J. BAUER
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DAYTON, O., Dec. 26.—Flying, once considered the sport of daredevils, is being recognized now as a highly dangerous vocation with its own occupational disease, according to Dr. Harry G. Armstrong, director of physiological research at the army material base, Wright Field, Dayton.

Just as the miner is plagued with silicosis and the welder with iritis, the average pilot suffers, in greater or less degree, from "aeroneurosis." The recent series of four crashes in Utah, Idaho, Texas and New York—has aroused the interest of the public in the whole subject of airplane pilot's reactions to mental and nervous strains.

Dr. Armstrong bears the rank of captain, but he was a student of occupational diseases long before he joined the air corps. For five years he treated victims of ordinary occupational diseases in Minneapolis, under contract for industrial medical care of workers in over 400 companies.

STASTIC FACTORY

He explains that his experience led to investigation of the existence of a counterpart, once he was with the air corps. His findings, discussed in technical detail in the Journal of the American Medical Association, must be considered only preliminary. Within a few weeks, however, Dr. Armstrong's "statistics factory" will be in full swing, with special equipment in operation.

Essentially, aeroneurosis is a nervous ailment with definite symptoms and of gradual growth. First positive symptom is "aviator's stomach," which acts like stomach ulcer, but, unlike ulcer, is functional and not organic. The sufferer's stomach is not impaired, but simply "acts up."

Behind aeroneurosis, says Dr Armstrong, are several factors which would amount to cowardice if the victim had control over them, but the point is that the flyer lacks such control. The most fundamental fear stimuli are noise and falling. Subconsciously, the flyer, brave man though he be, constantly is exposed to these stimuli. Virtually pilots suffer impaired hearing from continued exposure to engine noise. The subconscious fear of falling preys on pilots. Eventually, the aeroneurotic is disturbed in his sleep by dreams and nightmares, frequently involving falls.

FEAR OF GROUNDING

Another factor that the flyer, if he be no longer young, must combat is economic. In competition with young men, he knows that, sooner or later, he will be grounded, and that carries with it, in the army, reduced pay. Flying pilots receive 50 per cent additional base pay. This fear does the aeroneurotic no good; in fact, hastens the ravages of the disease. Then, too, the older man becomes more conservative and loses the keenness for adventure—if not downright recklessness—he once knew.

There is a definite psycological residue after a pilot has had a number of "close calls" or has witnessed mishaps to others. Dr. Armstrong says that to witness one of these scenes is never to forget it; but, to witness one and fly, the pilot must forget and repress—thereby adding a new conflict to his environment.

The new physiological research laboratory at Wright Field is being equipped with such made-to-order devices as a compression or "altitude" chamber and a centrifuge, or whirling machine, different from the well-known whirling chair in that the pilot sits in an inclined—almost horizontal—seat at the end of a rapidly revolving arm.

MINIMUM COMFORT

Pilots will be subjected to experiences simulating actual dives, subs tratosphere flights and other exigencies of airplane operation. Dr. Armstrong declares that the increasing demands of military care, to a certain extent, commercial aviation must be offset by provisions for at least the minimum comfort of personnel consistent with efficiency, without regard to humanitarian considerations and ignoring what may be called creature comforts. The designer and builder of a plane that flies at 200 miles per hour must equip it with a cabin comfortable enough to warrant a fair chance of accomplishing the plane's intended missions.

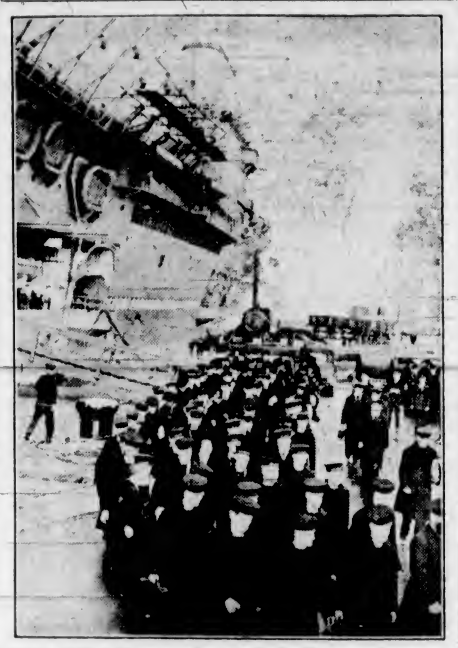
In the laboratory, Dr. Armstrong and his assistant, Dr. J. M. Meim, formerly engaged in research at Harvard University, plan to record scientifically the reactions of pilots to dives, spins and oversupply and starvation of oxygen. For the more severe reactions, animals are to be used. Already Dr. Armstrong has established by animal experimentation that certain such experiences produce "severe central nerve lesions," or sores.

The respiration and heart beat, dizziness and fatigue cannot be measured ordinarily until the pilot is on the ground again, and, for Dr. Armstrong's purpose, that is too late. Actual flights are of value as a follow-up to the laboratory tests, and accordingly a training plane is being placed at the experimenters' disposal. It is equipped with a comparatively new device, called an accelerometer. This is a gadget about like an oversized salt shaker, and works something like one. Tiny vertical pistons, suspended from springs set at various tensions, respond to shock by making contact with a carbon-paper disk. The greater the shock imparted to the plane by a dive or landing, the greater the number of pistons that impinge on the carbon disk.

While a commercial airplane, or even a bomber, is built only to withstand shocks up to 96 (three times the static weight of the craft), a trainer will survive shocks of 106. Such shocks constitute one of the chief physical strains the pilot endures.

Aeromeurosis itself, however, plagues commercial as well as military pilots, although the former are not called on to have power dives or operate under combat conditions. Dr. Armstrong explains that he has communicated with flight surgeons of three major airlines in this country, and they report similar observations. The disease, says Dr. Armstrong, attacks some of the finest flyers, but, in many cases, the victims are co-pilots and observers.

Off on Christmas Leave



A Party of Naval Ratings From H.M.S. Courageous Coming Ashore at Portsmouth for Their Christmas Leave. After Cruising in the Mediterranean for Several Months, Blighty Must Look Good to the Sailors.

SEEK PRIZE AS CHAMPION LIAR

Story of Molasses-Covered Fishing Hook May Win Ananias Honors

BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 26 (AP).—Upon a plain, mollasses-coated fishhook, R. K. Burlin, of North Chatham, Mass., pins his hope for world championship.

No, you rod and reelers, not a fishing championship, but the world title which the Burlington Liars' Club will award to the author of the tallest tale submitted this year.

Burlin tells of taking a lot of trouble out of fishing by solving the bait problem. He says he just smears a bare hook with molasses and on casting, pitches it high into the air. The sweet aroma of the molasses attracts bees overhead. They cling to the hook and when the fish strikes, they sting it to death.

Expeditions that poke into isolated lands couldn't find exploratng conditions much more rigorous than Nicholas Stumpf, of Lincoln, Ill., did right on his own farm.

"Winds kept blowing with terrific force from the mouth of a cave," Stumpf relates, "and they were so strong they kept everyone from exploring it. I tried bucking the wind, but couldn't stand up, so I put curry cumbs on my knees and crawled up to the mouth.

"It was no use, though, for when I turned on my flashlight the force of the wind blew the light beam right back out at me and I couldn't see where I was going."

From 5,500 enfries of liars around the globe, club officers will choose the new champion. He will be named December 29 over a radio hookup and will be awarded a medal studded with what a convincing liar could palm off as diamonds.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB HERE IN FAVOR OF B.C. ORGANIZATION

Victoria Automobile Club is looking with favor on the proposed reorganization of a provincial association, as outlined by officials of the British Columbia Caribou Automobile Service Club. The name of the new bureau would be the British Columbia Automobile Club. Attempts are being made to interest other motor clubs in the Province.

It is felt here that a provincial organization would be of great benefit to the motoring public in presenting its views to Government authorities. British Columbia is the only Province in the Dominion without a provincial automobile club.

THANKS GIVEN CONTRIBUTORS

Saanich Welfare Association Acknowledges Christmas Assistance

Hearty thanks to all contributors to Saanich Welfare Association hamper fund, the management of the Plaza Theatre, W. O. Wallace, William Parr, Mrs. Walter Foster and members of the various committees were expressed yesterday by Mrs. H. Todd, president of the association, and Mrs. F. F. Osborne, convener of the annual drive.

The following cash donations were acknowledged:

Mrs. Dunsmuir	$25.00
Mrs. Nichol	25.00
Lieut.-Governor Hamber	15.00
E. B. Andros	5.00
Norman Yarrow	10.00
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Mrs. Newbury	4.78
For Goods Sold	10.50
Committee	5.00
For Turkey and Ham	6.80
Mr. Rochon	1.00
Dr. Youlden	2.00
Total	$153.58

Goods were received from the following persons and firms:

J. E. Painter & Sons, coal; Victoria Coal Company, coal; Camosun Coal Company, coal; W. L. Morgan Fuel Company, coal; Cameron Wood & Coal Company, Limited, wood; Empire Coal & Wood Company, wood; James Maynard, Limited, shoes; Munday's Shoe Store, shoes; Dick's Dress Shoppe, dresses; Tervo's Ladies' Apparel, dresses; Macdonald's Consolidated, Limited, tea and coffee; W. H. Malkin Company, Limited, tea; Swift Canadian, Limited, ham; Ideal Meat Market, roasts; Mrs. Townsend, tea, coffee, sugar; Jack Day, sugar; John Valo & Sons, candies; Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, Limited, flour; Mrs. Drakes' Bakery, cakes; Canadian Bakeries, Limited, bread; McLean's Bakery, bread.

Kirkham & Company, Limited, Cross' Meat Market, Blue Ribbon Tea & Coffee, Victoria Agency; Mrs. Jennings, Hudson's Bay Company, Kelly, Douglas & Company, Cairo Coffee Shop, Gainer's Limited, McGavin Bakeries, Limited, Pacific Meat Market, and Mrs. Rogers, various goods.

HOPE FOR RECOVERY OF POPE DWINDLES

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constant attendance of his patient.

Pope Pius slept much of the day after awakening from a restless sleep. He listened to Mass said in the study adjoining his bedroom and then napped throughout yesterday morning.

LOSES FRONT TOOTH

Reliable sources disclosed the Holy Father recently lost a front tooth, but is unable to stand the strain of having his dentist treat him. This loss, it was reported, interfered with his pronunciation during his radio address Thursday.

Osservatore Romano declared he laughed feebly at a letter from Louis Abelanet, of Perpignan, France, which said:

"I wish you were Louis and I the Pope, so I could bless you."

The Pope read the child's letter several times, said the newspaper, which has sponsored a crusade of children's prayers for the Pontiff's recovery.

BURNS PROVE FATAL

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (CP).—Get Joe, forty-six-year-old houseboy of a local hotel, died in hospital late today of burns received in an electrical accident at the hotel on December 16.

TWO KILLED IN CRASHES ON MAINLAND

Man Fatally Hurt When Struck by Car Owned by Police Department

AUTO PLUNGES FROM BRIDGE INTO RAVINE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (CP).—Two persons were killed and five were injured in Boxing Day traffic accidents in Vancouver and district. One of those injured was reported in serious condition.

James Spence, sixty-eight, was injured fatally when struck by an automobile owned by the Vancouver police department. The driver, Alex Johnson, listed in the City Directory as an employee of the Vancouver police department, was not held.

Archibald Fraser, dairy manager, was killed almost instantly when he drove his automobile through a bridge railing. The machine plunged fifty-five feet into a ravine. Police said Fraser apparently became confused when he feared he would strike an oncoming bus and swerved from the span.

The bus also swerved, crashed through an opposite railing, but the the rear wheels clung to the span. None of the passengers was injured.

WOMAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. Robert Scott, Port Chipewyan, was injured seriously when her car side-swiped a bus on a bridge near New Westminster, and smashed through the guard-railing, tumbling seventy-five feet down an embankment. Her husband and Carl Anderson, of Vancouver, were taken to hospital, but their injuries were not considered serious.

The bus passengers were not injured.

Mrs. S. Nishikata, Japanese, was injured when struck by a car at a street intersection. Her six-year-old son, who was walking with her, was also struck but not severely hurt.

WOMAN SAVES INJURED FLYER

Plunges Into Icy River After Plane Crash—One Passenger Perishes

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26 (AP).—Tragedy was matched by the heroism of a young woman athlete as a low-flying biplane struck a tree and plunged into the Meramec River at suburban Sylvan Beach late Christmas Day, killing McCoy Sanders, twenty-eight-year-old passenger.

The pilot, Al Constance, who suffered serious injuries, was pulled from the half-submerged wreckage by Mrs. Odessa Ravens, twenty-three-year-old beauty parlor operator, who was riding along the river.

When the plane swooped down, narrowly missing the steel girders of a bridge, it rammed into a large elm tree near the water's edge.

PLUNGES INTO ICY WATER

Mrs. Ravens jumped from her horse, kicked off one riding boot on the run and then plunged into the icy water. She reached Constance, untangled a wire which encircled his head, and swam ashore with him.

Without hesitation, she returned to the rapidly sinking plane to search for other occupants. She said she spent several minutes diving around the wreckage, but gave up under the impression there had been only one occupant. It was later established Sanders had been caught in a tangled mass of wire and fabric under the plane. His body was recovered an hour later.

NINE PERSONS FATALLY HURT

Automobile Accidents Take Heavy Toll in Ontario Over Christmas Holiday

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (CP).—Death toll in Christmas tragedies in Ontario today stood at nine. But the stork was busy, too, on Christmas Day and from four Ontario cities came reports of eight babies born as Yuletide presents to happy parents. There were two boys and six girls.

Automobile accidents took the lives of two elderly men, still unidentified, at Toronto; John Sermanty, Toronto suburbanite, was knocked from his bicycle and killed; Norman Bester, London, died after a two-car crash, while Cyrus Nutt, Sylvan, Middlesex County, was killed in the village.

OVERTURNS IN DITCH

At Niagara Falls, Daniel Loney, seventy-eight, St. Catharines, died in hospital after a car driven by his son, John, overturned in a ditch. Herman Maki was burned to death when his shack near Port Arthur took fire.

Miss Margaret Ovenson, elderly Galt resident, succumbed to shock suffered when a gas explosion shattered her home December 13. Mystery surrounded the death at Windsor of Robert Charles Thrasher, Sandwich West Township, found unconscious in his backyard and taken to hospital where he died.

An unofficial stork derby was started with a Brantford report that "Santa" brought four baby girls on the holiday. St. Thomas entered with one girl; St. Catharines with one. Owen Sound plumped strongly with two boys.

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$55.00 and $59.50 COATS	SALE PRICE	$37.85
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SHIPPING IN PACIFIC

Much time has been allowed to elapse before a decision has been reached as to what will be done to aid British shipping in the Pacific Ocean. The two companies chiefly concerned are the Canadian-Australasian Line and the Union Royal Mail Line from Sydney and Wellington to San Francisco. What brought the situation to a grave pass for these two companies was the legislation passed at Washington, D.C., known as the Jones-White Shipping Subsidy Act. This placed American shipping in a most favorable position for competition with the two British lines mentioned. There are now heavy subsidies given to the Matson Line, which plies between San Francisco and Auckland, Sydney and Melbourne.

The Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have been conferring on the situation. Before 1931 the Matson Line took less than one-fifth of the through passenger traffic; now it takes nearly three-fifths. The Imperial Shipping Committee has conducted an inquiry into the situation. One finding is that the Pacific routes are of importance superior to this ocean alone. It finds, too, that there is sufficient business to warrant the establishment of a new and fast service, but believes this should be given assistance by the four Governments concerned. The latter plan is considered to be essential because of the handicaps under which the British lines now labor. They have to compete with the great aid given to the Matson Line by the American Government in the building of ships, the larger mail subsidies that the line enjoys, and the monopoly provided for profitable traffic between San Francisco and Honolulu.

It is now a question for the Governments concerned to take action. An agreement has to be reached as to the financial assistance to be forthcoming from each country. Great Britain wants to maintain the All Red Route, and that is her interest in the problem. Her Governmtnt is ready to subscribe to the task, and undoubtedly the other Governments concerned, which are even more vitally interested, will do their share.

CAPTAIN C. F. L. MONEY

There will be many residents of Victoria, and particularly a very large section of those still living who fought in the Great War, who will mourn the death of Captain C. F. L. Money. Quiet and unostentatious in his comings and goings, he was respected by all for solidity of character and breadth of outlook, as well as many other altributes that commanded general admiration. His record of service with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and subsequently with the British South Africa Police, was meritorious, and he saw action in both the Matabele and South African Wars. His association with Victoria is best remembered through the many years he was engaged as secretary-manager of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, a post which he filled with credit to himself and with the utmost satisfaction to an organization that holds a very definite place in the life of the community. Captain Money will be missed by a large circle of friends and admirers, and very especially by the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, where he was a member of the lay executive. The deepest sympathy will go out to his widow, son and daughter in their grievous loss.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

From time to time the suggestion arises that old-age pensions should begin at 65 years instead of 70, as at present in this country. The example of the United States is quoted. What is forgotten, however, is that on the other side of the line the old age pension system is on a contributory basis, whereas in Canada it is provided to the tune of 100 per cent by the State, the Dominion contributing 75 per cent and the Provinces 25 per cent. Latterly Quebec has come under the scheme, and the cost of old age pensions in the country is approximately $30,000,000 a year. Were the age limit reduced to 65 it would reach a total of approximately $50,000,000.

The Dominion and Provincial Governments can hardly contemplate such an extra expenditure at a time when so many of these administrations have unbalanced budgets. The Federal Government is about $100,000,000 short in balancing its budget and must go slow in any new social security legislation which inevitably puts new burdens on the taxpayers. The fact is that the old age pension system in this country requires amendment. It should be contributory on the part of those who will benefit ultimately. As it stands, it puts a premium on failure to save to provide for old age, and that is a bad principle. The present system has been in operation since 1927, and, when inaugurated, few people foresaw the mounting cost. It is due for revision if it is to be maintained to the extent of making those who ultimately hope to benefit contributors to the scheme.

ALIEN LEGISLATION

It has been found impossible to put recall legislation into effect in Taber, Alberta, where it was sought to oust Mr. James Hansen as member for the constituency on the ground that he had reneged on his Social Credit leanings. It is necessary to secure signatures of two-thirds of the voters of any constituency listed at the time of the last election before a member can be compelled to resign in Alberta. This cannot be done in Taber, because Mr. Hansen, despite his changing beliefs, has too many followers. The recall legislation is in any case unsuitable within the British Empire. The conception among British peoples is that once a member is elected to a legislature he is the representative, not only of all the residents of his constituency, but one of the representatives of the country as a whole. The recall system is alien to all British ideals of fair play.

A PIONEER AIRMAN

Among the many achievements in the notable career of the late Sir Basil Zaharoff was his keenness in aviation and what he did to advance the science. It was a particular hobby of his and he gave large sums of money for research work in England, France and Russia. He supported Sir Hiram Maxim in experimental work in aviation as long ago as 1890, and the claim is that he and Sir Hiram were the first men ever to be lifted off the earth by a heavier-than-air craft. The machine then used was of 8,000 pounds weight and had a plane surface of 4,000 square feet. It was driven by a steam boiler and ran along a railway from which it lifted and traveled through the air for 100 yards before collapsing.

The experiment perhaps was a failure, but at least it demonstrated that a heavier-than-air machine could, by motive power, be lifted off the earth. Sir Basil never lost his enthusiasm. He founded chairs of aviation at the Imperial College of Science in England and at the Universities of Paris and St. Petersburg. What he did was an important contribution to the science of aviation and he will long be remembered in this regard, as well as for charitable gifts which covered many fields, to say nothing of the encouragement he gave to literature.

As a politician with the ability to somersault with his ideas, Mr. Lloyd George stands alone. During the Great War no leader in Great Britain anathemized the Emperor of Germany to a greater extent. Mr. George made him the head and front of all the offending when the armies of Germany poured into Belgium and France. He kept up his tirades, even after the war and when the Kaiser had abdicated. Now in his war memoirs he says: "No sovereign or leading statesman in any of the belligerent countries sought or desired war—certainly not a European war. . . . I am convinced after a careful perusal of all the documents available on all sides that the Kaiser never had the remotest idea that he was plunging—or being plunged—into a European war. . . . He was not anticipating a costly war but a cheap diplomatic triumph."

State education is now regarded as a necessity, but it is difficult to make it selective, and by that is meant the continued education only of those who have the facility to benefit by it. At present large sums of money are wasted in the process. In the United States only 10 per cent of the population passes through high schools, and the percentage of success is no higher in universities. Probably the same would be found in this country, only statistics in this respect are conveniently forgotten.

The Import Duties Advisory Committee in Great Britain is considering a suggestion to levy duties "on tubular drinking-straws not exceeding ten inches in length," a proposal which leads Lucis of The Manchester Guardian to break into verse which he ends with:

"This is our mode, for straws can show
Which way our import duties blow."

The record of the film industry is a striking vindication of Mr. Hugh Walpole's opinion that it is not possible to adapt the masterpieces of literature to the screen, because, even with the cleverest condensation, so much of importance has to be left out.

THE FAIR-WEATHER FOLK

Let's part before tomorrow
Can mar us to its ends;
We were not made for sorrow,
Who lightly walked as friends.

Take leave before the ember
Dies and the song is sung—
While we can each remember
The other blithe and young.

When we grow grey and lonely,
We'll be the doubtier glad
That we remember only
The wine-sweet joy we had;

The ways we went together
Aflame with crocus-gold,
Down leagues of shining weather,
Before we both grew old.

Now that my Summer ardour
Seeks shelter from the rain—
Now that you find it harder
To swing to horse again—

Before the night comes after—
Before we're dim of eye—
Before we're tired of laughter—
Shake hands and say goodbye;

And shut the starry portal
Against the creeping cold,
And keep our youth immortal,
To warm us when we're old!

—Audrey Alexandra Brown.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 7.00 p.m., December 26, 1936.

SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

Pressure is low near Vancouver Island, but high in Northern British Columbia. The weather has been mild and showery on the Coast, but rather cold in the Interior and in the Prairie Provinces.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES

(Precipitation—rain or snow—for twelve hours to 5.00 p.m.; temperatures for twenty-four hours.)

	Precipitation	Min.	Max.
Victoria	.20	39	42
Nanaimo	.14	38	41
Vancouver	.26	40	42
Kamloops	-	22	36
Prince George	--	4	24
Estevan Point	--	38	44
Prince Rupert	--	32	36
Atlin		2°	8
Dawson	Trace	26°	12°
Seattle	.14	40	44
Portland	.14	40	42
San Francisco	.76	46	56
Spokane	--	30	38
Los Angeles	--	46	60
Penticton	--	32	
Vernon	--	28	33
Grand Forks	--	28	36
Nelson	--	27	36
Calgary	--	6	22
Edmonton		4°	2°
Swift Current	Trace	6°	22
Prince Albert		20°	4°
Qu'Appelle	.02	8°	8
Winnipeg		2°	6
Moose Jaw	--	10°	12

° Below zero.

SATURDAY

Minimum	39
Maximum	42
Average	40
Minimum on the grass	38

Weather, cloudy; sunshine, 12 min.

5.00 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.48; wind, E., 8 miles, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.52; calm; cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; calm; cloudy.
Prince George—Barometer, 29.64; wind, NE., 4 miles; cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.54; wind, N., 4 miles; clear.
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.46, wind, NW., 6 miles; clear.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.46, wind, E., 8 miles; clear.
Portland—Barometer, 29.40; wind, NE., 18 miles; raining.
Seattle—Barometer, 29.44, wind, N., 8 miles, cloudy.

Note and Comment

By Sandham Graves

In vain have I searched war records for some reference, however slight, to Patrick Terence Maguire's second Christmas in the trenches in Flanders, in 1916. Twenty years have rolled by now, without even a line to explain how Paddy won the D.C.M. "for valor in the face of the enemy." Really, though, the boys of "A" Company will tell you that it was the absence of a pipe in Paddy's face that started things that day.

Like Claystubb Maguire, his grandfather, Paddy was a great smoker. Indeed, the Maguire arms right back to nearly the days of heptarchy were crossed pipes, with a little Irish twist on the side, and a wreath of smoke curling up from the dudeens. P. T. Maguire was a short, thick-set figure of a man in his forties, with a prematurely bald head embellished with curling fringes of snow white hair, like the frilling on a ham. But it was his eyes that you noticed, blue as the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

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It was a cold, bitter Winter in the trenches in 1916. "A" Company occupied a chalky sector, where the trench walls were wet and slimy, and water had rotted the duckboards down into just plain mud, and plenty of that. Right in the middle of the fire-trench was a huge boulder, which had baffled fatigue parties, engineers and everybody to remove, even though the colonel had threatened to shut off all leave until the trench was cleared. Christmas intervened.

Just the same, "A" Company posted three men at the rock to assist the colonel over on his rounds, and to wait for the mail orderly with the Christmas parcels from home. Even at that, they dumped part of "B" Company's rations, coming up with their mail. But the parcels got through, and Paddy, who had felt cold ever since he left India, received knitted pullovers, heavy socks and mittens, and best of all, a brand new brier pipe from home!

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Maguire's eyes fairly danced, in his head when he saw that pipe. His hands shook like the leaves of an aspen tree in a wind, as he sought to load it with tobacco and to fire up. In the middle of this, however, the sergeant called him to take "B" Company's rations on to the next trench. Paddy took the sacks over his shoulder with one hand, and with his precious pipe in the other he stepped on to the rock. Well, you might guess what happened. He fell flat on his face in the mud. The pipe slithered down a hole between the rock and the slimy wall of the trench.

Paddy put the rations down in the mud and crawled all over the rock, but there were no two ways about it, his pipe was buried under half a ton of stone. As he lifted up the ration sacks again, he noticed the depression they had made in the mud. That gave him an idea. He could dig a hole and tumble the rock into it, and so get at his pipe! Paddy delivered "B" Company's rations and then tried to get help to dig the hole, but the boys ere busy with the Christmas parcels. So he went at it alone.

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Right in the middle of his digging, when the rock was almost ready to topple over into the hole, a trench alarm sounded. Now, Christmas trench raids were not anticipated, even if no-fraternizing orders had gone out. But this was the enemy. The first Paddy knew of the raid was when two burly fellows in grey dropped down into the trench on the far side of the rock, and started throwing things at him. By instinct Paddy fielded a hand grenade, and threw it back. That cleared things for a bit. Paddy pushed at the rock. It would not budge.

In desperation Maguire dug again, his trench spade flying like a flail. Out of the corner of his eye he saw the legs and bodies of three more of the enemy sliding over the parapet with a light machine gun. Paddy scrambled over the rock and leathered them with the trench spade, hitting those parts that came handy and uppermost. The raiders gave ground. Paddy grabbed the machine gun and fled back to the other side of his rock. With a squelchy sucking sound, the rock toppled over into the hole, making a natural trench and parapet for him.

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It was at this moment Maguire saw his pipe, pressed deep into the mud in the new-hole left by the rock, but he hadn't time to grab it. The enemy were now dropping down into the trench in droves led by an officer. More by good luck than skill, Paddy pointed the business end of the machine gun over the top of the rock, and pressed the trigger. A stream of bullets sped up the trench, over the heads of the raiders, as the gun chattered. By good luck, one nicked the leader of the raiding party in the shoulder. A guttural command was given, and the whole group surrendered!

Paddy Maguire stopped only long enough to lift his pipe up out of the mud, wipe it and put it in his mouth. Then he marched his prisoners around the next corner of the trench, where "A" Company were preparing a counter-attack. Of course he got a medal and two weeks' leave. But better than that, he received a pound of the colonel's special tobacco from his very own hands. And that, so help me, is how Patrick Terence Maguire won the D.C.M. on Christmas Day, 1916!

MAN BURNED TO DEATH

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 26 (CP). — Herman Maki, forty, burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed the shack in which he lived alone in Ware Township, twenty miles north of here.

The Observation Car

By THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Taking No Chances

It appeared for a time that Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, would get a chance to take the heavyweight crown from Jim Braddock next February in Atlantic City, but this proposed bout has been wiped off the calendar by the signing of articles for the Braddock-Schmeling clash next June 3. So Louis is still right behind the eight-ball again and the former titleholder, Maxie, is going to get a chance to win back the crown. Most critics are agreed that the first person to encounter Champion Braddock anywhere outside of a dimly-lighted tearoom is going to knock him for a loop and thereby win for himself whatever emoluments accrue to the heavyweight titleholder. That's why all of Braddock's challengers are bickering among themselves because they fear a rival may knock over the pot of gold before they can stick their fingers into it. However, the astute heads of the New York State Boxing Commission are taking no chances of Braddock being kayoed in a nontitle bout and have inserted in his contract that Jim cannot engage in anything but four-round exhibitions.—J.D.

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A Christmas Wish

And now—quickly, before this day slips away—let me make my Christmas wish: "May this year bring to your homes the happiest holidays they have ever known. And may all you love rest tranquil and secure through every day that lies between this Yuletide and the next. To you and yours—A Merry Christmas!"—R.F.G.

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More Greenbacks

This may have been another green Christmas, but we'll bet it took business out of the red.—W.I.P.

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A Mighty Man Was He

It happened during a big dance at the Empress Hotel, according to the Keating Squire. A mining man from the Far North, who stood well over six feet in his soup and fish, was a guest at an exclusive little party. A man present left to start his automobile while his wife tarried to chirp a few fond farewells. Soon he was back with the announcement his battery was dead, and could the husky mining man give the car a push to start the motor. A few minutes later the Northerner went downstairs, rolled up his sleeves and started pushing the wrong car. In his enthusiasm he shoved it nearly a whole block before the frantic occupants managed to convince him they required no assistance and were merely sitting out a dance in a friend's machine. . . . We watched a lawyer visit a tobacco shop to fill his cigarette lighter at a small brass pump on the counter. When the operation was completed, he took a small bottle out of his righthand pocket and filled it full of free gasoline. . . . Broad Street Bertie once told us a tale of a man who filled his lighter more than twenty times in one evening. It appears the man was emptying the lighter into the gasoline tank of a baby automobile outside. . . . A motorist from Oklahoma tied up traffic at the corner of Fort and Douglas Streets for some time by parking in the middle of the road and refusing to heed strident horns of automobiles behind him. He had his eye fixed upon a red Neon star hanging from the illuminated Christmas decorations. "Why the blazes don't you move along," bellowed a local driver. "I am waiting for the red to change to green. Pretty slow signals in this city," the visitor explained. The joke was on him, because the traffic lights were not working at that time.—G.B.

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Nuts—Not on a Tree

The story of the week concerns the local young man who went hunting in Beacon Hill Park early one morning last week. Feeling rather sprightly during the course of a party, he organized a group of fellow adventurers and set off—for Beacon Hill Park. Removing his shoes and stockings, and rolling his trousers up to his knees, the duck hunter commenced splashing around after the ducks. After vainly pursuing the elusive creatures for a few minutes he gave up, and was all for attacking a large white swan that steadfastly held its ground and glared at him. Some of the other "hunters," tiring of the sport, managed to drag the lad home.—W.I.P.

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Here's Our Team

The Victoria and District Wednesday Football League will play the Saturday League, New Year's Day, in the second game of the Anacomb Cup series. Naming all-star elevens to satisfy club managers, league officials and the fans is quite a tough assignment. Regardless of the choice, there will be someone who figures certain players should be selected. Well, here's our Wednesday Football League all-star eleven: Goal, Norm Stewardson, Spencers; fullbacks, Gordon Eastwood, Victoria Longshoremen, and "Buzz" Evans, Garrison; halfbacks, Jack Edwards, Garrison; Les Kennedy, Hudson's Bay, and "Scotty" Magee, Victoria Longshoremen; forwards, Daryl Bissell, Spencers; Joe Brown, Hudson's Bay; Cecil Cockrill, Navy, Art Chapman, Spencers, and Wally Stewart, Spencers. Subs, Lloyd Cann, Spencers; Herb Thomson, Garrison, and Jim Worswick, Garrison.—S.T.

SEVERE STORMS IN CALIFORNIA

Rain, Snow and Gales Recorded Over Large Areas Bordering Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP).—Rain, snow and a gale that at times reached a velocity of seventy miles an hour today ushered in what Dr. Albert Newlin, Santa Clara University sunspot expert and meteorologist, forecast would be a "wetter than usual" Winter season.

Dr. Newlin said the greatest collection of sunspots observed in thirty years preceded the storm period.

Snow covered the highway north of Gedding and an average snowfall of twelve inches was reported at mountain points.

WAVES MOUNTAIN HIGH

The wind whipped waves mountain high against the rocky foundations of the Pacific Coast. Southeast storm warnings were ordered by the United States Weather Bureau from Oregon to Point San Luis, as heavy gales pounded Point Reyes and other promontories.

In San Francisco Bay great waves thundered against the ribs of careening ferry boats and crested over the lower decks. Commuters slid back and forth on seats as ferries tilted over on their beam ends. No ferry damage was reported, however.

CANADA ON ROAD TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY

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show definite pick up. Tariff adjustments have unsettled the industrial picture in a few instances. Factory output of motor cars, for instance, shows a narrow decline. But losses in some lines have been more than made up elsewhere with the result that industrial production is 13 to 15 per cent greater than at this time a year ago, 30 per cent greater than at two years ago and 41.6 per cent greater than it was three years ago.

NEWSPRINT OUTPUT

Among the bright spots of the 1936 production record was the all-time peak of newsprint output which bettered that of 1936 by 16 per cent. Canadian plants produced 12,408,095 barrels of wheat flour in the first ten months of 1936, an increase of 7 per cent over the same months of 1936. Other production, with increases, included: 18,746,259 pairs of shoes, 1.6 per cent, 535,836 tons of pig iron, 15 per cent; 912,064 tons of steel ingots and castings, 23 per cent, and 802,444,724 pounds of sugar, 6.3 per cent.

Output of minerals established an all-time peak in the year just closing, with a value of about $340,000,000. Gold and nickel reached new heights. Gold production was approximately $130,000,000, a gain of about $14,000,000, or 12 per cent. Nickel output advanced about 25 per cent.

MILL TONNAGE DOUBLED

The number of mills extracting gold from the rock increased about 20 in 1936 to around 135, and these are grinding some 35,000 tons of ore daily, more than doubling the tonnage milled five years ago. The airplane has proved to be an important factor in the tapping of the mineral wealth of the Far North, heavy freighters on wings following with cargoes of machinery in the wake of the prospecting planes over trackless regions to new points selected for development. Canadian airlines are handling four times as much freight as those of the United States.

Wide advances in the prices of the metals, notably copper, lead and zinc were 1936 developments of first importance to the mining industry. Many copper properties, long idle because of low prices will, no doubt, be revived in the next year or two. Copper exports are down slightly from the previous year, but the higher price ruling gave the 1936 shipments greater value.

FARM PRODUCE

Increase in the prices of farm produce of about 16 per cent explains the bettered condition of the agriculturist. According to a compilation by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canadian farmers received income of $594,000,000 in 1936, an increase of $88,000,000 over 1935, or 17.4 per cent. It was the best year since 1930. An increase of about 25 cents a bushel added $30,000,000 to the value of the wheat crop. Winnipeg Grain Exchange in December recorded highest wheat prices in seven years.

The anxious wheat situation of 1934 and 1935 with increasing stores and diminishing markets has been largely righted, partly through crop shortages and partly through the buying for accumulation of supplies in Europe. Export clearances of Canadian wheat totaled 73,536,104 bushels in seventeen weeks beginning August 1, compared with 48,862,747 in the corresponding period of 1935. Exports of all grains in the ten-months period show an increase of 66 per cent over those of the same period of 1935.

CATTLE EXPORTS GAIN

The value of cattle exports in the ten months for which figures are available reached $11,654,000, against $6,711,000 in the 1935 comparable period, a gain of 73.7 per cent. Meat exports increased 23 per cent, cheese 61 per cent, while sales of hogs on Canadian stockyards showed a gain of 15 per cent and sales of cattle 7.4 per cent. Hog slaughterings increased 20 per cent.

The recently-arranged Canadian-United States trade agreement affords Canada a market for 225,000 head of cattle at half the regular duty, and the outlook, from the Canadian viewpoint, is further improved by the forecast that meat supplies in the United States in the first part of 1937 will be the smallest in fifteen years.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

International trade kept pace with internal improvement. Exports reached $926,800,553 in the first eleven months of 1936, compared with $757,896,825 in 1935, an increase of 22 per cent. Imports were $582,225,688, against $511,746,369, up 13.8 per cent, and the balance in Canada's favor was $344,374,865 against $246,151,456, a gain of 40 per cent.

Other highlights of Canadian economic betterment in 1936 were electrical power production, up about 9.5 per cent; carloadings, 5 per cent; sales of passenger motorcars in the Dominion, 7.3 per cent; exports of planks and boards, 24 per cent; retail sales, 5 per cent; bank clearings, 12 per cent, and dividends distributed by Canadian corporations, 18 per cent.

Railway gross earnings improved, despite the handicap of an increased diversion of traffic to truckers and motorbuses. Canadian National Railways gross earnings in the first eleven months reached $169,586,264, compared with $158,208,584 in the same months of last year, an increase of 7 per cent. The Canadian Pacific Railway figures were $126,307,000, against $116,092,000, an 8.8 per cent increase.

RAW MATERIALS

Imports of crude petroleum gained 7 per cent, crude rubber 12 per cent, raw cotton 28 per cent. A drop of 8 per cent in the number of commercial failures brightened the picture considerably.

Construction has been helped moderately by Federal participation in loans to home builders at lower interest rates than prevailed in 1935, but the volume is still below normal. Contracts awarded in eleven months totaled $156,469,200, about $1,000,000 more than in 1935.

QUEEN MARY HAS COLD

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP). — Queen Mary is confined to her room at Sandringham House by a slight cold, it was announced today.

DEATH TAKES A. BRISBANE

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fourteen, and Elinor, twelve, were present when the end came.

Brisbane's death, climaxing a meteoric career which began fifty-three years ago as a "cub" reporter on The New York Sun, completely surprised even his closest associates, including William Randolph Hearst, one of his oldest friends, who is now in New York.

TRIBUTES FROM ALL PARTS

Tributes to the dean of American journalism, as he was sometimes called, came tonight from all parts of the country.

Master of a brisk-paced, simple style of writing, Brisbane kept his editorial finger on the pulse of the world—writing or dictating his daily comments from wherever he happened to be, a few hours before "deadline" to make them up-to-the-minute in timeliness.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., he received his newspaper baptism at the age of nineteen. He left The New York Sun to become managing editor of The New York World for seven years. Then, in 1897, he relinquished his $15,000-a-year post on The World for an $8,000-a-year job on Mr. Hearst's New York Journal to gain more freedom for experimenting with his journalistic ideas.

SENSATIONAL SUCCESS

Unrestricted, he scored immediate and sensational success. Within four months, under his deft touch, The Journal's circulation shot up. By arrangement with William Randolph Hearst, Brisbane received a tidy percentage for each new reader he gained by his sparkling methods.

In recent years, since giving up his last "official title" as publisher of The New York Daily Mirror, Brisbane limited his field to editorial work, writing for the Hearst Syndicate.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, at Allaire, N.J., where Brisbane had his country home, following services Monday morning in St. Bartholomew's Church here.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Time of moonrise and moonset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1936.

Date	Rises	Sets
1	7.57 p.m.	10.32 a.m.
2	9.09 p.m.	11.06 a.m.
3	10.31 p.m.	11.91 a.m.
4	11.30 p.m.	11.83 a.m.
5		12.16 p.m.
(Last Quarter on 5th)		
6	0.28 a.m.	12.36 p.m.
7	1.41 a.m.	12.58 p.m.
8	2.48 p.m.	1.14 p.m.
9	3.48 a.m.	1.29 p.m.
10	4.53 a.m.	2.07 p.m.
11	5.55 p.m.	2.61 p.m.
12	6.50 a.m.	3.33 p.m.
12	7.40 a.m.	4.13 p.m.
(New Moon on 13th)		
14	8.24 a.m.	5.10 p.m.
15	9.18 a.m.	6.18 p.m.
16	9.56 a.m.	7.23 p.m.
17	10.18 a.m.	8.24 p.m.
18	10.43 a.m.	9.43 p.m.
19	11.06 a.m.	10.58 p.m.
20	11.28 a.m.	
21	11.51 a.m.	0.12 a.m.
(Last Quarter on 21st)		
22	12.17 p.m.	1.36 a.m.
23	12.47 p.m.	2.49 a.m.
24	1.33 p.m.	4.09 a.m.
25	2.11 p.m.	5.23 a.m.
26	3.09 p.m.	6.35 a.m.
27	4.17 p.m.	7.38 a.m.
(Full Moon on 27th)		
28	5.30 p.m.	8.23 a.m.
29	6.46 p.m.	8.01 a.m.
30	8.00 p.m.	9.31 a.m.
31	9.12 p.m.	9.57 a.m.

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Tides at Victoria

DECEMBER

Time of tides (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1936.

Date	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
	H. M.	Ft.	H. M.	Ft.	H. M.	Ft.	H. M.	Ft.
1	7.26	8.8	10.30	8.4	14.15	6.3	23.05	0.8
2	8.09	8.8	11.25	8.2	14.50	6.3	23.40	1.7
3	8.38	8.8	13.40	7.8	15.22	7.7	.....	.....
4	0.33	2.7	9.06	8.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	1.10	3.7	9.30	8.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	1.43	4.7	9.50	8.6	17.47	8.8	22.48	0.7
7	1.58	5.8	10.07	8.6	18.12	4.4	.....	.....
8	.....	.....	10.24	8.6	18.40	3.9	.....	.....
9	.....	.....	10.41	8.6	19.10	3.2	.....	.....
10	.....	.....	11.09	8.3	19.38	2.6	.....	.....
11	.....	.....	11.23	8.3	20.05	2.1	.....	.....
12	.....	.....	11.47	8.4	20.35	1.6	.....	.....
13	.....	.....	12.10	8.2	21.06	1.3	.....	.....
14	.....	.....	12.38	8.0	21.40	1.2	.....	.....
15	.....	.....	13.05	8.3	22.15	1.7	.....	.....
16	8.05	8.7	8.55	8.6	13.36	6.1	22.50	1.9
17	9.00	8.8	11.10	8.2	14.15	6.6	23.27	2.0
18	9.15	8.6	12.20	7.8	15.02	8.0	.....	.....
19	9.04	8.7	8.29	8.8	13.47	7.1	16.10	7.5
20	8.38	8.8	8.40	8.7	14.56	8.2	17.56	8.7
21	1.05	4.5	8.54	8.8	15.57	8.2	21.15	8.8
22	1.25	5.4	8.10	9.2	18.05	4.1	.....	.....
23	.....	.....	8.31	9.6	17.45	3.0	.....	.....
24	.....	.....	10.00	9.8	18.31	2.0	.....	.....
25	.....	.....	10.27	10.0	19.10	1.2	.....	.....
26	.....	.....	11.19	10.3	19.57	0.7	.....	.....
27	.....	.....	12.00	10.3	20.40	0.4	.....	.....
28	0.01	9.8	5.18	9.7	12.44	10.1	21.20	0.9
29	0.32	9.8	5.21	9.3	13.28	9.8	22.00	1.8
30	0.45	9.8	10.28	8.0	14.10	8.8	22.40	1.7
31	1.10	9.8	11.28	7.5	14.55	8.1	23.20	2.8

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, measured from the average level of low water.

To find the depth of water on the sill of the Esquimalt drydock, add 18.9 feet to the height of high water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

DECEMBER

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1936.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Date	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7.44	4.20	17	8.00	4.18
2	7.45	4.20	18	8.01	4.19
3	7.47	4.18	19	8.01	4.19
4	7.48	4.18	20	8.02	4.20
5	7.49	4.18	21	8.02	4.20
6	7.50	4.18	22	8.03	4.21
7	7.51	4.18	23	8.03	4.21
8	7.52	4.18	24	8.04	4.22
9	7.53	4.18	25	8.04	4.22
10	7.53	4.18	26	8.05	4.23
11	7.55	4.18	27	8.05	4.24
12	7.56	4.18	28	8.05	4.25
13	7.57	4.18	29	8.06	4.26
14	7.58	4.18	30	8.06	4.27
15	7.59	4.18	31	8.06	4.28
16	7.59	4.19			

(Full Moon on 27th)

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The balsa is one of the fastest growing trees. It reaches a diameter of fifteen inches in five years.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 27, 1886)

Ontario Elections—This will be a great day throughout Ontario. One of the hottest contests ever waged in that province in local politics will be fought out today to the bitter end. The general impression is that the present Government will be sustained by a small majority. If the wires are in good working order we hope to place before our readers tomorrow morning as many returns as it is possible to obtain up to the hour of going to press.

An Extensive Purchase—Thaddeus Harper, one of British Columbia's pioneer stock raisers, will complete today the purchase of the Stewart ranch in the Cache Creek Valley. This property is the finest ranch in the Valley, and has always been one of the best cultivated, and it is entirely owing to Mr. Stewart's failing health that he is selling out. It is understood that Mr. Harper will purchase a very large extent of land between his mill at the mouth of the Bonaparte and Cache Creek Valley for a Winter range for his cattle with the best farms in the valley for

Bark Almatia Nearly Closed Career Twice Within Short Period

Windjammer's Masts Had to Be Cut Away on December 22, 1872, in Terrific Gale—Piled up Four Months Later near Plumper Pass

By GEORGE BONAVIA

WRECKED twice near Victoria within the short space of four months was the cruel fate of the bark Almatia. She was dismasted off Skip-Jack Island on December 22, 1872, and wrecked near the entrance to Plumper Pass on March 22, 1873. A pilot's licence was suspended indefinitely through the second mishap, and repairs and salvage from both accidents cost in the neighborhood of $12,000. A handsome profit was realized by a local firm through sale of the vessel and her cargo.

Bearing a tale of a terrific gale in the Gulf of Georgia and the possibility of loss of the Almatia, Capt. Riis arrived here to seek assistance on December 23, 1872. The day before, while his bark was bound for Burrard Inlet in ballast to load lumber for Sproat & Company, she was overtaken by the storm.

Becoming absolutely unmanageable, it was found necessary to hew down the ship's masts to prevent her from being totally wrecked. By dint of herculean effort the Almatia was navigated to Skip-Jack Island and anchored. Capt. Riis reported her in a precarious position and applied to naval authorities for immediate assistance, because there were no vessels in the harbor capable of towing the windjammer. She was eventually brought alongside the Hudson's Bay Company dock by the Petrel.

STUMPS FOR MASTS

With ragged stumps where once lofty masts had stood, the Almatia presented a particularly distressed appearance. Since she was fully insured, she was soon fitted with new masts and rigging at a cost of $6,000.

Testimony of Capt. Riis and Capt. Pamphlet, pilot, caused all aboard the ship at the time of the accident to be absolved of blame. It was agreed by examiners at a court of enquiry that everything possible had been done to keep the vessel from running ground.

In the middle of February, 1873, the Almatia was towed to Burrard Inlet and loaded with 303,000 board feet of lumber for Melbourne, Australia. She left the inlet in tow of Ss. Maude on March 21. Capt. McKinnon was the pilot, and Capt. Holmes commanded the Maude.

The Gulf of Georgia was crossed safely, and the steamer with her tow headed for Plumper Pass. At midnight Captain Holmes discovered he was about to run ashore on an island at the entrance to the pass. The Maude sheered out of danger, but the bark continued on and struck hard. Lines became fouled in an attempt to pull her off the rocks. A heavy swell drove her farther ashore.

SURVEY IS MADE

Captain Riis arrived in Victoria aboard the Maude the same day to again seek assistance. Roderick Finlayson, Lloyd's agent, and Captains McNeil, Walker and Rollins, marine surveyors, left for the wrecked vessel aboard Ss. Enterprise.

The Daily British Colonist made the following comments:

"This is the second disaster in our waters within a brief space of time, and calls for a searching investigation into the circumstances attending it, as well as into the pilot service of the province. The frequent occurrence of such disasters is truly alarming, and calculated to damage the province commercially to an incalculable extent."

Mr. Finlayson reported a large hole stove in the Almatia's bottom, her timbers started, and five feet of water in the hold. He recommended sale of the wreck. The standing rigging, masts, furniture and fittings were ordered taken down and stored on the beach.

WRECK IS SOLD

Moody, Dietz & Nelson bought the Almatia for $1,300 on March 26. T. C. Millard bought her lumber cargo for $1.37½ per thousand board feet, and sold it for $2.50 per thousand to the firm that bought the vessel.

Charles Good was elected secretary and chairman of the pilot board on March 29, and an investigation commenced into circumstances surrounding the wreck. On April 1 he suspended the certificate of Captain McKinnon, pilot, for an indefinite period.

Ss. Cariboo Fly was chartered for salvage operations. When a gang of salvors removed the Almatia's deck load they were overjoyed to find the vessel floating free. She was soon towed away and anchored in a bay at the north end of Gosset Island. Although slightly waterlogged, the ship's lumber cargo kept her afloat. To commemorate the wreck, the bay was immediately named Almatia Bay.

A few days later the Almatia was towed to Burrard Inlet. She was repaired, reloaded, and dispatched to Australia by her new owners, who realized a handsome profit on their investment.

REPORT FAINT RADIO APPEALS

Weary Seachers Doubt Faint Calls From Air Liner Lost in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Weary but determined searchers expressed doubt tonight that frantic, incoherent radio appeals for help, reported by an amateur operator, came from the transport plane missing twelve days with seven persons.

Aerial investigation near towns that Operator Elwood Penrose, twenty-five, said were mentioned in the pleas for aid, failed to uncover a single clue. A spokesman said further checking was unlikely. Hope that any of the five men and two women aboard survived a crash faded days ago.

Penrose said the "calls were all muddled up," but added he heard loud, distinct words such as "Milford, Upton and plane."

WOMAN'S VOICE HEARD

"It sounded as if different persons were speaking," he said. "A woman's voice was heard at intervals."

Western Air Express, transport owner, sent planes soaring near Utah's two "Uptons," one in Northeastern Utah, near the southwestern tip of Wyoming, and the other south of Milford, in Southeastern Utah, over which Pilot S. J. Samson radioed "everything O.K." early December 15.

Heavy weather prevailed over most of Utah tonight. The Western Air Express declared that the search would be continued when weather permitted until the plane is found.

ADOPTION OF BOYCOTT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 26 (AP)—Adoption of a resolution by the Indian National Committee to boycott Coronation ceremonies for King George VI in India was considered by well-informed sources today to be virtually certain.

The resolution against the projected Durbar, a rite at which the new British King would be proclaimed Emperor of India, would implore Indians to avoid "any imperialist celebrations or functions connected with the Coronation, as such festivities are meant to tend to strengthen the hold of British imperialism or add to its prestige."

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Tiny Republic Rocked by Quakes

Rocked by earthquakes, the tiny republic of El Salvador, in Central America, rushes frantic rescue measures to San Vicente, one of its principal cities, which is reported destroyed by the tremor with a death list running into the hundreds. Floods, hurricanes and quakes have repeatedly torn this little state in the past few years, with a high loss of life and property. Seven towns beside San Vicente were reported damaged by the earthquakes, which were continuing while rescue and relief efforts got under way. The volcano that overlooks San Vicente was reported showing alarming signs of new activity. The city is pictured here. At the right is a view of San Salvador, made after hurricanes and floods swept the area some years ago, killing eight persons, making 500 homeless and doing $2,000,000 in property damage.

Obituary

BUTLER—At the family residence on Saturday morning, Robert Butler, aged sixty-eight, of 342 Arnold Avenue. The late Mr. Butler was born in England and had been a resident of this city for the last twenty-four years, and for many years an employee of the city on the staff of Ross Bay Cemetery. He is mourned by four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Heard, Mrs. Capt. D. B. McPherson and Mrs. C. Johnson, of Victoria, and Mrs. W. Ballantyne, of Tod Inlet, and one son, S. W. Butler, of this city. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon from McCall Brothers' Funeral Home at 2 o'clock, Rev. Clem Davies, D.D., will conduct the service, after which interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

HARKNETT — Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon for the late Henry Harknett, who passed away in this city on Wednesday. Rev. O. L. Jull conducted the service, during which the hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," were sung, after which the remains were forwarded to Seattle for cremation.

FARQUHAR—Many friends attended the funeral of the late John Henderson Farquhar, which took place on Saturday afternoon. Rev. James Hyde conducted the service, during which the hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me," were sung. Interment was made in Colwood Burial Park, with the following as pallbearers: G. Stewart, W. J. Rennie, J. Rennie, C. Wood, G. Christie and F. Barber.

McDONALD — The funeral of Margaret Agnes McDonald took place on Saturday morning. Rev. S. Lundie conducted the service, during which the hymn, "When He Cometh," was sung. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park with the following as pallbearers: A. Griffin, F. Griffin, P. A. Stock, H. Stokes, A. Poole and J. Waterson.

JONES—The funeral of the late Richard Jones will take place Monday, leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 10:45 for the Reformed Episcopal Church, where Rev. A. deB. Owen will conduct the service at 11 o'clock, after which the remains will be sent to Vancouver for cremation.

SLATER—Funeral service for the late John Slater will be held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Monday afternoon at 3.30, Rev. William Allen officiating. The remains will be laid to rest in Royal Oak Burial Park.

MONEY—The funeral of the late Captain C. F. L. Money took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, and was largely attended. Service was taken by Rt. Rev. Bishop Sexton, Canon Nunns, the rector, and Rev. F. H. Buck. The choir was in attendance and among others present were the church wardens and the Men's Guild of St. Mary's. Reeve R. Taylor represented the Oak Bay Council. Many of Captain Money's comrades from the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada also attended. The pallbearers were W. T. Money, H. M. S. Bell, J. R. Pudiney, H. Anscomb, M.P.P., Brigadier-General J. Sutherland Brown and J. C. Rivers representing the Army and Navy Veterans. The remains were laid at rest in Royal Oak Burial Park.

DOWELL—A very large gathering of sympathizing friends attended funeral services Saturday afternoon for the late Joseph Dowell, of 1313 Haultain Street. Rev. E. F. Church conducted an impressive service, during which two hymns were sung, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." The many beautiful floral tributes received testified to the high esteem with which the late Mr. Dowell was held. The remains were laid at rest in the family plot at Royal Oak Burial Park, and the following acted as pallbearers: Henry Hudson, A. H. Young, Charles Schofield, C. S. F. Deacon, Robert Endean and W. J. Bryson.

KILLED IN ROCK-BURST

BANGALORE, India (AP)—Seven coolies were killed by a rock-burst in an Oorgaum mine near the Kolar goldfields, and another man was seriously injured and removed to hospital.

NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE

Chief Executive of Cuban Administration Promises Honest Government

HAVANA, Dec. 26 (AP)—Cuba's new President, Frederico Laredo Bru, today promised the country "honesty in government" in the first meeting of the new Cabinet since President Miguel Mariano Gomez was ousted from office.

Other pledges in the Cabinet session were:

1. Prosecution of any functionary defrauding the Administration.

2. Appointment of Government officials on the basis of ability, regardless of political pressure.

3. No discharge of Government employees except for inefficiency.

After a conference with the new President, Colonel Fulgencio Batista, army leader who sponsored the legislation to impose a nine cents a bag tax on sugar to finance rural schools which cost President Gomez his office, gave his unqualified endorsement of the new Government.

Colonel Batista asserted one of the immediate objectives of the Government would be "normalization of the educational system."

POSTAL REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE

Sale of Postage Stamps Up and Gross Receipts Are Higher Than Last Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP)—An increase of $1,708,000 in the gross revenue of the Postoffice Department for the twelve months ending November 30 was announced today by Hon. J. G. Elliott, Postmaster-General.

The year's total of $40,308,000 was a return to the levels of pre-depression years, he said, and a fair barometer of the improvement of business of all kinds and sizes.

That figure compared with $38,601,000 for the preceding twelve months. The November total was $3,346,000, against $3,344,000 for November, 1935.

The Department's revenue, of course, is mainly derived from sale of postage stamps. A considerable proportion of the total postage is paid in directly as cash.

A detailed statement of the twelve months ending October 31 shows $27,712,000 accounted for by the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes and postcards. Another $9,741,000 is listed as postage paid in cash.

This is made up of $3,770,000 from mail put through postage meter machines; $3,343,000 from parcels, $1,747,000 from newspapers mailed by publishers, $846,000 from third-class (printed matter), and $32,731 from gold bullion.

Money orders brought in $1,461,000, with another $266,000 from postal notes. Rents of letter-boxes and drawers amounted to $313,494 for twelve months. Sale of rural mail boxes, $14,700.

The comparative stabilization of international exchange cut down revenue by more than $30,000 this year. Entered as "profit in exchange on foreign money order business" is $24,386, compared with $55,989 last year.

MEMORIAL FUND TO CLOSE SOON

Ingenious Scheme Devised For Final Effort Before Drive Ends

By THOMAS T. CHAMPION
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 27 (CP)—The King George V National Memorial Fund, which now stands at more than £300,000 (approximately $1,500,000), is to be closed January 13.

An ingenious scheme for furthering the final effort on behalf of the fund is sponsored by the Lord Mayor of London and the civic heads of other urban centres.

There are 14,000,000 citizens with bank accounts. These are to be asked to tell their banks to pass on the night of January 20 the odd shillings and pence standing to their credit. Those who happen on that night to have overdrafts are to be asked to permit the overdraft to be increased by a sum equal to its shillings and pence.

The minimum contribution of any one citizen will thus be 19s 11d and the minimum 1d. It will be a philanthropical gamble which sum between these two "possibles" will pass to the fund.

If the average is 10 shillings ($2.50) the result of a full response would be £7,000,000.

Federal Cabinet Closes Busy Year In State Affairs

Dominion Government During Past Year Bent Its Energies in Clarifying Laws, Extending Trade And Stating Its Position in World Matters —Many Departments Are Reorganized

By FRANK PLAHERTY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP)—Trade, international affairs and administrative changes of a varied character loomed larger on the Canadian political scene during 1936 than party strife and parliamentary debates.

It was a year of comparative quiet in a political sense and of few notable developments in the way of legislation. Quebec was the only province where a political campaign was waged and while the defeat of the long-lived Liberal Government there was followed with interest, it had few reactions on national politics.

In its first year of office the Mackenzie King Government's legislative programme consisted mostly of amendments to existing statutes to bring them into line with the policy outlined by the Liberal party in the 1935 election campaign. There were few new departures.

Reference of the reform legislation enacted under the previous administration to courts precluded either new legislation or the use of existing laws along that line.

Death of King George V, abdication of King Edward VIII and the accession of King George VI brought Canada under the reign of three different kings during the year. In the constitutional moves involved in the latter two events the Canadian Government acted in close co-operation with the Governments of the United Kingdom and the other Dominions.

Canada's export trade showed important increases during the year and a larger volume of business sent Government revenues into an upward spin. When Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance, submitted his budget in May he imposed new taxes in an effort to reduce the annual deficit. By Autumn revenues had improved so much that Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of National Revenue, was able to say Canada was approaching an era of balanced budgets.

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Mackenzie King headed Canada's delegation to the assembly of the League of Nations during the Summer and there enunciated the foreign policy of the Canadian Government. He said Canada would not be bound in advance to participation in war and no action would be taken in the international sphere until circumstances of the particular case had been reviewed by the Canadian Parliament.

Mr. King also discussed renewal and revision of the Canada-United Kingdom trade treaty with the British Government in London. The treaty expires in 1937 and negotiations are still continuing.

The trade treaties with Australia and New Zealand are also due for revision, and Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, would be in the Antipodes now carrying on negotiations were it not for the shipping strike on the Pacific Coast, which made it difficult for him to get there. He expects to sail from Vancouver, however, in a few days.

Mr. Euler was Canada's No. 1 traveling salesman during the year. He toured several European countries and in Moscow arranged for the removal of the embargoes imposed by Russia against trade with Canada and Canada against trade with Russia.

TALKED WITH HITLER

In Germany Mr. Euler had a talk with Adolph Hitler and initiated negotiations which led to the conclusion of a trade agreement later when a representative of the German Government visited Ottawa.

The trade treaty with the United States came into effect at the beginning of the year and when trade figures for the year are completed experts will take stock of its results. It provided the chief subject of debate at the 1936 session of Parliament when the Opposition took exception to its terms, although not to the principle.

A settlement of a trade dispute with Japan resulted in the removal of restrictions on trade with that country which had been in effect for several months.

The year also saw the removal of the ban on trade with Italy which followed the imposition of economic sanctions by the League of Nations following Italy's invasion of Ethiopia. Canada removed sanctions at the same time as the other sanctionist powers after it became clear they had not accomplished their purpose.

President Roosevelt of the United States paid an official visit to Canada during the Summer, the first official visit of a United States President. He was received by the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, and the Prime Minister, at Quebec.

Amendments to the Bank of Canada Act, enacted at the 1936 session, were brought into operation, giving the Government a majority of stock control of the bank and a majority of the representatives on the board of directors.

Provision for bilingual bank notes instead of wholly English and wholly French notes, was written into the act and preparations were under way to make the first note issue of the reign of King Edward VIII bilingual. Now the issue of bilingual notes will be postponed until a design bearing the effigy of King George VI can be prepared.

Mr. Dunning late in the year called a meeting of the national finance committee, consisting of representatives of the Provincial Governments, at which governmental finance generally was discussed and arrangements made for more co-operation between governments in floating loans.

MUCH REORGANIZATION

Administrative changes during the year included mergers of departments and measures affecting railways, aviation, radio, harbors and the militia.

Amalgamations of the Department of Marine, the Department of Railways and Canals and the civil aviation branch into the Department of Transport, under Hon. C. D. Howe, and of the Departments of Interior, Mines, Immigration and Indian Affairs into the Department of Resources, under Hon. T. A. Crerar, were carried through.

Under the wing of Mr. Howe's department the Canadian National Railways was equipped with a board of seven directors in place of the former board of three trustees.

The national radio organization also received a new setup under Mr. Howe's guidance. The former Canadian Radio Commission of three members was replaced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with a board of governors to determine policy and a general manager to direct operations.

Mr. Howe pushed along the trans-Canada airway scheme and made a personal survey of United States air lines to obtain information. He also completed the centralization of control over national harbors under a board in Ottawa.

Troubled conditions in Europe brought the question of national defence to the fore during the year but it will be for the coming session of Parliament to decide whether Canada's defence forces are to be increased on any considerable scale.

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Members of Victoria Lodge No. 1 and adjourning brethren are respectfully invited to attend.

By order of the Noble Grand
STANLEY R. FOUBISTER,
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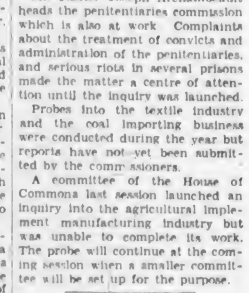

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The most important defence development during the year now ending was the reorganization of the non-permanent active militia. The number of units was reduced by mergers and emphasis was placed on artillery, armored car establishments and machine gun units at the expense of cavalry and infantry.

Two new destroyers were purchased from the British Government, not to increase the Canadian Navy, but to replace older ships which will be retired. The Royal Canadian Air Force obtained a number of new machines and more are under construction.

Unemployment relief continued a heavy charge on Government finances, but the relief camps for single men, a touchy matter a year ago, have passed out of the picture.

The problem of unemployment is now the worry of the National Employment Commission, which has promoted a home improvement campaign as one means of providing work for more men.

The National Employment Commission is one of three commissions which are grappling with matters of heated controversy until recently. The others are the Royal Commissions on wheat marketing and penitentiaries.

The wheat inquiry is now under way in Western Canada, with Mr. Justice W. F. A. Turgeon as the commissioner. The old dispute between the wheat pools and the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, the political battles over the operations of the present wheat board under the former chairman, John I. McFarland, and the present chairman, James Murray, are under review.

Mr. Justice Joseph Archambeault heads the penitentiaries commission which is also at work. Complaints about the treatment of convicts and administration of the penitentiaries, and serious riots in several prisons made the matter a centre of attention until the inquiry was launched.

Probes into the textile industry and the coal importing business were conducted during the year but reports have not yet been submitted by the commissioners.

A committee of the House of Commons last session launched an inquiry into the agricultural implement manufacturing industry but was unable to complete its work. The probe will continue at the coming session when a smaller committee will be set up for the purpose.

EXHIBIT SPIDERS' WEBS

LONDON (CP)—Nine spiders' webs, ingeniously mounted between sheets of glass and made visible by white powder and a black background, form an interesting exhibit at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

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Military Activities

11TH FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY, R.C.C.S.

Orders by Major B. Gwynne, Officer Commanding.

The O.C. takes this opportunity to extend to all ranks his best wishes for the new year, which promises to be a brighter and happier year for all. He thanks them very cordially for their keeness and regularity, and for the pleasant esprit de corps which prevails in the company.

Annual Classification — The Annual Classification in W/T and L/T will be held on Tuesday, December 29, at 8 p.m.

L. W. JOHNSON,
2nd Lieut.

17th COMPANY, ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS (N.P.)

Orders for week ending December 29, 1936, by Captain J. H. McIntosh, Officer Commanding.

Parades—The 17th Fortress Coy., R.C.E. (N.P.) will parade at Company Headquarters at 20:00 hours Tuesday, December 29, 1936. 20:00 hours, Section Drill; 20:30 hours, Lecture Diesel Engines; 21:00 hours, Practical Electric Wiring. Dress, drill order.

Duties—To be Orderly Sergeant for ensuing week: L.-Sgt. R. Mowat.

The officers of the 17th Fortress Company, R.C.E. (N.P.) will be "At Home" in the Officers' Composite Mess, Bay Street Armories, on New Year's Day, from 10:30 to 12:30 o'clock.

J. H. McINTOSH, Capt.,
O.C. 17th Fortress Company
R.C.E. (N.P.)

2ND BATTALION (M.G.) CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT

Battalion orders by Lieut.-Col. Walter Bapty, Officer Commanding.

Part I

Localization — The 2nd (M.G.) Canadian Scottish Regiment is localized as follows: Headquarters, Victoria. H.Q. Company, Victoria. "A" Company, Duncan. "B" Company, Nanaimo. "C" Company, Courtenay. "D" Company, Saanich. (D.O. 223 of 1936).

Reorganization — The following units are disbanded for purposes of reorganization: 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment; 11th M.G. Battalion, C.M.G.C. The following reorganization is effective December 15, 1936: 2nd Battalion (M.G.) Canadian Scottish Regiment (D.O. 224 of 1936).

Part II

Attestations—926 Pte. B. J. Readings, "D"; 608 Pte. A. C. W. Brennan, "C"; 609 Pte. R. E. Turnbull, "C"; 610 Pte. A. L. Turnbull, "C," all as from December 18, 1936.

Promotion — 902 L.-Corp. R. P. Soule, "D," to be corporal as from December 28, 1936.

Appointment — 580 A.-Sergt. R. Shipperbottom, "C," to be A.-C.Q.M.S. as from November 11, 1936.

Struck Off Strength—786 L.-Corp. P. Cartwright, "D"; 803 Pte. J. E. Akerman, "D"; 839 Pte. P. R. Layard, "D"; 847 Pte. R. Atkins, "D," all as from December 28, 1936.

D. G. CROFTON, Capt.
Adjutant, 2nd Bn. (M.G.), C.S. Regt.

Notices

The Officer Commanding wishes all ranks a very happy new year. It is his desire that this occasion will be celebrated in true Scottish custom.

Reorganization will bring to all a greatly increased amount of work during the forthcoming year. It is expected that all will respond in their usual loyal manner.

A luncheon will be held in the Regimental Officers' Mess for all officers who can attend on New Year's Day. It is hoped that as many as possible will be present.

NEW YORK PLAY HUGE SUCCESS

Katharine Cornell Stars in Maxwell Anderson's "The Wingless Victory"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—The just-ended week in the New York Theatre was made notable by the fusion of two of its greatest powers, when Katharine Cornell arrived as the star of Maxwell Anderson's new play, "The Wingless Victory." Each served the other generously, with the author getting a bit the better of things. For Miss Cornell gives to his play its best strength and fury.

Always a zealot, the author this time storms at the New England bigots in the early nineteenth century—showing the church folk of Salem in destruction of an Oriental wife brought to their midst by a seaman of the town.

IS MALAY PRINCESS

Miss Cornell is the Malay princess cast upon the flinty city. After half a year of chilling life in the home of the McQuestions, hated by her husband's mother and clergymen brother, she surrenders to the garments of her persecutors and contemplates surrender to their meannesses, their customs and, if possible, their society.

At this point, the clergymanic brother-in-law, fortified by knowledge of technical piracy on the part of Husband Nathaniel, imposes the village's order of banishment on the wife. Nathaniel, unwilling to forfeit his fortune to the conspirators, allows her to be sent away alone.

LOOSES HER SCORN

Half mad by her betrayal, the Malay woman looses upon her tormentors the scorn she has felt for them so long. She invelghs against them as lowly people, denying the god they profess.

Aboard the ship taking her to exile, the princess administers a poison to her two babies, a native servant and herself. The husband, arriving to beg forgiveness, watches her die.

HARRY BRIDGES HELD FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP).—Harry Bridges, of San Francisco, maritime strike leader, was booked at the city jail on charges of investigation of negligent homicide and ordered held without bail pending an inquest into the traffic death of an eight-year-old boy here tonight, Police Lieutenant O. H. Hoyt announced.

Waiter (bringing order)—Are you the boiled cod, sir?

Customer—No, just a lonely "sole" with an empty "plalce" and I want to "fillet."

Announcements

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Packed Theatre at Russian School's Christmas Capers

Enthusiastic Applause Greets Accomplished Young Dancers in Programme of Near-Professional Excellence at Royal Victoria Theatre

FIGURES light as thistledown floating in the misty blue and silver light of the moon, rhythmic, graceful, with soundless feet weaving patterns among their own soft shadows, brought to an end, in a beautiful "Moonlight Ballet," the Russian Ballet School's annual Winter programme at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

It was the most beautiful of a long succession of outstanding presentations given by a school noted for the near-professional calibre of its work, and a big audience that practically filled the auditorium to capacity applauded enthusiastically as the final curtain fell on the lovely tableau. As usual there was the utmost distinction of technique in the performance of the more advanced pupils, and even the tiniest of the dancers, five and six years of age, already gave evidence of having the foundations of the art well and truly laid, with special attention to rhythm, grace and refinement of carriage, correct pointing of the toes and co-ordination of all parts of the figure. No detail seemed to have been forgotten. Each number had its distinctive and individual character, to which, in addition to the actual technical movements, music, dress, lighting and setting made their important contribution. Everything gave a feeling of having been thoroughly rehearsed to the point where the movement became spontaneous expression in perfect unison with the music.

VARIED PROGRAMME

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson and her daughter, Miss Doreen Wilson, are clever programme makers, and the programme had wide diversity of interest. Everything was exquisitely dressed and most artistically staged. Part one took for its theme "The Birth of the Rainbow," using bevies of mauve, blue, green, yellow, orange, red and rainbow fairies in gorgeous fairy dresses unimaginable twenty years ago, before the advent of cellophane. Next came a Christmas ballet, an amusing little play on the theme of Christmas Eve, where a small boy with mumps has hung his stocking in readiness for Santa Claus, and falls asleep to dream about all the characters who step from the books he has been hoping to find beside the Christmas tree.

Next came the ballet of "Alice in Wonderland," wonderfully conceived and perfectly costumed, Miss Vivlene Coombe having designed the dresses from the original pictures of Sir John Tenniel; the children taking part in the prologue being students of the dramatic class of the school under the direction of Miss Coombe, and the remarkably clever masks worn by the mock turtle, the gryphon, the walrus and the executioner being the handiwork of Wilfred Hobday.

There followed a succession of divertissements, introducing some of the most advanced talent in the school: "Moonlight Sonata," danced by Doreen Wilson, whose finished and graceful work is something of which Victoria should be proud; "Syncopation," a tap dance by Miss Miriam Schwabe who, as a small child a few years ago, set a standard in this field that has been difficult for others to equal; "The Valentine," danced by Rosemary Farrow, a dainty ballerina; "Czardas," a spiritedly beautiful example of Russian ballet work presented by Wynne Shaw, Dolly Bradshaw, Josephine Wilson, Honor Benson, Peggy Macdougall and Isabel Benson; and the "Hungarian Dance," superbly presented by Ian Gibson, who should some day attain first rank among the professionals.

AFTER INTERMISSION

There were still two or three important things: "Hawaiian Paradise," presented against a setting of sunny ocean and silhouetted palms, introduced several groups of beautiful girls, all skilled in the swaying movements of the Hula dancer; but one in particular, Myra Batchelor, was especially apt in her imitation. In the divertissements that followed, the Ray sisters gave a cleverly-performed staircase tap; Betty Joan Elworthy and Beverly Clarke were two radiant little figures in a beautifully-synchronized ballet; and Maureen Stuart-Yates and Patsy Lou Schofield stepped a moment later from a gilded cage, two small parakeet-colored figures, and did a beautiful dance.

The "Moonlight Ballet," using Chopin music, a lovely succession of numbers using a corps de ballet in the Valse Brilliante, Opus 34; the Valse Lente, Opus 34, No. 2; the Minuet Valse, and the valse music of Opus 64, No. 1. Rosemary Farrow and Molly McCallum danced the beautiful "Pas Deux"; Phyllis Addison was the ballerina in Valse Opus 70, No. 1, a particularly beautiful pas seul; Doreen Wilson, Wynne Shaw and Phyllis Addison were truly "Three Graces" in the Nocturne, Opus 37, No. 1; and Maureen Grute and Ian Gibson were ideal dancing partners in the classical conception of "Prelude," every movement in which had the essence of art.

In "The Birth of a Rainbow," the players in the amusing opening scene were Vivienne Coombe, Rosemary Farrow, Holly Greer, John Gill, Patsy Lou Schofield and Robert Lindgren, and in the enchanted forest scene the following took part: Catherine Angus, Maureen Stuart-Yates, Florence Hobday and Christine Humble.

BALLET OF BOOKS

More clever acting was seen in the "Ballet of the Christmas Books," where John Gill, who spoke in a ringingly clear voice, was the "mumpy" boy waiting for Santa Claus to arrive; Josephine Wilson, Geraldine Paterson, Daphne Fillmore, Poppy Davis, Myra Batchelor, were various household characters, and Santa Claus was impersonated with real fatherly distinction by Alec McGown.

Of all the characters in the various books, June Day excelled as Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." June is a born comedienne, even when dancing, and the house rocked with laughter during her performance. Of the many other clever young dancers, there should be mentioned: Ina Marie Salmon, Jane Cassidy and June Day as Hansel and Gretel; Toleta Williams and Gwenneth Hughes as Hiawatha and Minnehaha, and Frank Lindsay, as "rheumaticcy" Uncle Tom.

GROWS GRASS FOR WHEAT

PAWNEE CITY, Neb. (AP).—This year, Mrs. M. Warren's 640-acre farm, produced 17,000 bushels of wheat, but in 1937 it will grow nothing but grass to save it from erosion.

GRANDMOTHERS HAVE CLUB

JUNCTION CITY, Kas. (AP). — Meeting once a month to discuss their grandchildren and show their pictures, a "Doting Grandmothers' Club" here reports increasing membership.

Fire-Swept Ruins of Crystal Palace

A view of one of the burned-out transepts of the Crystal Palace, destroyed in a spectacular fire which could be seen for miles around. Loss is estimated at $10,000,000.

City and District

Minister to Speak—Rev. J. Richmond Craig, pastor of Fairfield United Church, will speak on "Why Not Christmas All the Year 'Round," when he appears as guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Gyro Club tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in the Empress Hotel.

Holiday Is Observed—All provincial offices were closed yesterday, in keeping with the observance of Boxing Day as a public holiday. The Provincial Police held an informal reception at the headquarters of the Island division, where the season's greetings were exchanged with friends and well-wishers.

Schools Reopen in January—Public schools throughout the province, now in the midst of a seventeen-day holiday, will reopen on Tuesday, January 5. Monday, January 4, will be the last day of the school holiday, and will enable teachers visiting at distant homes time in which to return to their classes for the reopening.

Educationist Speaks — H. C. D. Somerset, prominent figure in educational circles in New Zealand, will address members of the Kiwanis Club at their luncheon meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday in the Empress Hotel. He has recently completed an extensive tour of Europe and he is now on his way to his home in Oxford, New Zealand. His subject was not announced.

Served on Committee—The death of Captain C. F. L. Money, for many years a voluntary member of the returned soldiers' committee, which had charge of the distribution of small monthly grants under the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act, was deeply regretted in provincial circles, it was said this week. The late Captain Money was one of the first members of the committee and gave untiringly of his services in that connection.

Victoria Kipling Society—Under the chairmanship of A. E. G. Cornwell the Kipling Society will hold its annual dinner on Wednesday, December 30, at 7:15 p.m. in Speedie's Cafe, this date being the birthday of the celebrated author. Following the dinner a programme of Kipling songs and recitations will be given under the convenership of Mrs. Dorothy H. White. R. L. Reid, K.C., of Vancouver, a member of the Central Society, London, England, will speak at the dinner.

ANNUAL TREE PARTY HELD

5th Regiment (B.C.) Coast Brigade, C.A., Is Host to 125 Children

Once again the 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, C.A., was host to 125 children and a number of parents at the unit's annual Christmas tree party in Bay Street Armories yesterday afternoon. Lively entertainment, joyful carols and presents for all caused many a child to wonder if Santa Claus really paid two annual visits.

Gay red and green streamers were festooned across the hall. At one end a huge Christmas tree tastefully decorated bore a gift for every child. They were also plentifully supplied with candy, bonbons, balloons, ice cream and milk to drink. Ernest Impett was disguised as a genial Santa Claus and kept the children in a mirthful mood with his remarks as he made presentations. Afternoon tea was served parents.

The programme opened with Christmas carols with Fred Pitt at the piano. John Gow presented a Punch and Judy show and entertained with magic illusions. Ted Anderson's Hill Billy Band rendered a number of lively selections.

DANCE NUMBERS

Pupils of Miss Mona Jewell taking part in the programme included the Pearson sisters, tap dances and Dutch dance; the baby class, sailor's hornpipe; Thelma White and Kathleen Stromkins, tap dance; Kath-Stromkins and Winnie Brown, Bowery dance and soft shoe dance; Robina Prior and Dorothy Kermode, soft shot dance; Sylvia Welsh and Hugh Randy, song and dance; Cedulla Gagnon and Dina Whyte, military tap dance; Sylvia Welsh, recitation; Hugh Williamson, recitation; the group, rube and Irish dances.

Staff-Sergeant Blair, who organized the entertainment, was also master of ceremonies. Captain G. Pauline was officer in charge. Those who assisted in arrangements included Bombardier A. McLean, Sergeant E. B. McLean, Lance-Sergeant V. Palmer, Gunner E. V. Jones and Gunner R. H. Jones.

FRENCH POLITICIAN DEAD

RIOM, France, Dec. 26 (AP). — Etienne Clementel, seventy-two, former member of several French Cabinets, died today.

LADY FOLLETT HAD RELATIVE IN CITY

Lady Julia Follett, who died at Old Windsor, England, on Thursday in her eighty-seventh year, was a second cousin of Frances Follett Osborne, of 3009 Dean Street, Victoria. The late Lady Follett was known as "Lady Bountiful" on account of her philanthropic activities.

STALIN NOT IN EVIDENCE

Russian Leader Not Seeking Any Personal Publicity

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (AP).—Less and less the name of Stalin is being featured in the development of Soviet Russia. That is the way Stalin wants it. Although this has been apparent for many months, it was brought home most strikingly by the absence of Stalin's name from the thirty-five slogans approved by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for use in the November celebration of the revolution.

Many reasons why such a move is in order are apparent to those who have followed recent developments here. There is no one who believes the move means Stalin is releasing any of his great power, but rather that he has turned to a more removed and less advertised means of governing the nation.

NOT APING HITLER

One of Stalin's reasons is the accusation, especially abroad, that he was only aping—belatedly—the tactics of Mussolini and Hitler. He also realizes that dead heroes like Lenine inherently command greater attention from the people than contemporary politicians and executives.

Foreign rumors that Stalin is seriously ill, and that the move proves the open displeasure of his own party, are wholly discounted here. It is felt that the leader of the Bolshevists has as yet lost no single shred of his power. Stalin has never been bombastic, but there are many events and policies of contemporary Russians that leave him open to such a charge.

WRITTEN IN SKY

The recent sky writer who etched the word "Stalin" in letters a mile high for the edification of 1,000,000 spectators watching an aviation meeting on the outskirts of Moscow suggested the trend of things only as recently as last August.

The sky writer tried to print Lenin's name on the clouds. There were criticisms heard of this, as well as the stunt of the stratosphere balloon which took off carrying the picture of Stalin, but not of Lenin.

GOES WHERE MEN NEVER SET FOOT

Young Woman Artist Finds Wild Men in Brazil and Bandits Courteous

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 26 (AP) —Bandits and wild men in most of the uncivilized places of the world hold no terror for Miss Amy J. Drucker, a young Englishwoman who for ten years has led the sort of adventurous career most men dream about but which few realize.

Miss Drucker, a water-color artist and painter of considerable distinction, is visiting in Cambridge. She expects to continue her adventures shortly on a trip into Brazilian jungles. Alone except for native convoy, Miss Drucker has penetrated where white men, let alone white women, never had been seen.

To an interviewer she told of one of her most thrilling adventures. It happened in Ethiopia a few months before the Italian invasion of Emperor Haile Selassie's domain. Accompanied by three natives and with two pack mules, one of which she rode, Miss Drucker went into wild country to the east of Addis Ababa to paint some of the savage tribes in water colors.

ALARMED BY FLAG

For the most part she was treated with great courtesy as she set up her easel while the almost nude natives posed for their pictures. But one day just as she had finished painting of a particularly savage-looking individual and had shown him the finished work he took it away from her and started to walk away.

She got it back by shaking the British flag under his nose. He dropped the water color and ran.

Returning to Addis Ababa, Miss Drucker met the then proud emperor of the Ethiopians and painted him in oils. She spent several days in the palace and met the empress, whom she considered a very charming person. She said Haile Selassie expressed the hope the League of Nations would go to the rescue of his people.

From Ethiopia Miss Drucker went to China where she spent several months making water colors and painting all sorts of individuals, including many bandits. She was treated with courtesy even in the wildest sections of China, she said, and she found the Chinese variety of bandit very vain and when, as sometimes happened, one would ask to keep the painting she had made, she would indicate it was to be shown to "all China." That satisfied him and he would walk away smiling—without the painting.

CANADA SHOWS GOOD RECOVERY

Advances Made During Year In Many Industrial Phases

(By the Canadian Press)

Canada's improvements in business and industry in 1936 included:

Advancement to sixth position among seventeen leading nations in the record of industrial recovery from the depression.

Favorable trade balance showing a gain of 40 per cent, with total exports for eleven months increasing 22 per cent over corresponding period of 1935.

New all-time records in the country's production of gold and nickel. Gold gained 12 per cent over 1935 and Nickel about 25 per cent.

Increase of 16 per cent in Canadian newsprint production, 7 per cent in wheat flour, 15 per cent in pig iron, and 23 per cent in steel ingots and castings.

FARMERS BENEFITED

About $88,000,000 more received by Canadian farmers in 1936 than in 1935, value of the wheat crop increased by $30,000,000, wheat futures in Winnipeg rising to highest prices in seven years.

Meat and cattle trade benefited by increased exports, cattle exports in 1936 exceeding those of 1935 by 73 per cent and meat 23 per cent, with prospects of big United States market in 1937.

GOES TO VANCOUVER

EDMONTON, Dec. 26 (CP).—Attorney-General Hugill left today for Vancouver where he will spend a short holiday. With Premier Aberhart also in Vancouver, the duties of acting Premier fell on Provincial Treasurer Cockroft.

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CHARGED WITH FORGERY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (CP).—James Kuboff was held by police tonight, charged with dealing in a forged document. He is alleged to have attempted to cash a forged cheque for $80 in a department store.

PROVES CHEERLESS MEAL

NEWTON, N.J., Dec. 26 (AP).—Mrs. Melvin Degraw and her three children had a Christmas dinner of chicken, but it was a cheerless meal. The penniless husband was arrested on a charge of stealing the fowl.

THREE KILLED ON HIGHWAY

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26 (AP).—Three persons, members of a crowd assembled on a highway at the scene of an automobile accident two miles from here, were killed tonight when another car ploughed into the group.

TO ESTABLISH CONSULATE

ROME, Dec. 26 (CP-Havas).—Following the lead of Great Britain, France, Belgium and several other nations, Rumania today notified the Italian Government of its intention to establish a consulate at Addis Ababa.

POLICE CAR STOLEN

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26 (AP).—Police Lieut. Albert Bruce, of nearby Churchill borough, walked home today—to report the borough's cruiser car stolen.

RESCUE SIX FROM DESERT

DARWIN, Australia (AP).—After lying exhausted by a parched waterhole, ninety miles from here, for two days in blazing sun, James Stott, buffalo hunter, and five aborigines were rescued.

Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

Hethey-Spencer Wedding Is Celebrated at Empress

The marriage of Gwendolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer, Beach Drive, and Mr. Ben Hethey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hethey, King George Terrace, Oak Bay, was solemnized in the lounge at the Empress Hotel yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in a setting of festive Christmas decorations. The dais on which the bridal party stood was banked with begonias, ferns and palms. Rev. George Pringle, of Vancouver, conducted the ceremony, and the wedding music was provided by the hotel orchestra, which also played during the reception which followed.

THE BRIDE

The pretty fair-haired bride was given away by her father and wore an imported long-trained gown of ivory satin in princess style. The high-necked bodice, with its Queen Anne collar, was buttoned down the front from throat to the waist and had full leg-o-mutton sleeves tapering to fit snugly over the wrists. She wore a handsome diamond brooch and a veil of bridal illusion with a Vandyked border of Chantilly lace, beneath a Juliet cap trimmed with braided net and orange blossom petals, and carried a sheaf of calla lilies.

THE ATTENDANTS

The senior attendants, Mrs. Ben Davies, sister of the bride, in amethyst peau-de-satin, and Miss Muriel Daniels, in jade, wore Mary Tudor gowns, trimmed with bands of matching velvet, with long skirts very full full at the back, and close-fitting bodices with a deep square neckline, finished in front with tiny bows of the material, and puffed sleeves. They also wore coronet braids of matching velvet in their hair, long gloves and slippers in the same shade as their gowns, and carried sheaves of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums. Little Patsy Ruth Sinnott, the flower girl, wore a pretty period frock of buttercup-yellow taffeta, with self-covered buttons down the front and long sleeves, and was trimmed with a girdle of matching velvet ribbon and a velvet bow at the back. She wore a Juliet cap of seed pearls and carried a Colonial posy of mixed flowers. Mr. Duncan Hamilton, of Vancouver, was best man.

As the register was being signed, Mrs. Marjorie Watson Goodwin sang "My Heart Is a Silent Violin," and Mr. Sydney Sherratt, "All Joy Be Thine."

RECEPTION HELD

Mrs. Spencer had chosen for the occasion a gown of parchment suede lace over brown taffeta, worn with a coatee of lace, with a brown taffeta collar, and elbow sleeves edged with a pleated frill of taffeta and net, and adorned with a corsage bouquet of red roses. Her hat of brown velvet had a brim edged with net and was trimmed with a large bow of stiffened net. Assisting her in receiving the guests was Mrs. Hethy, Sr., in a smart imported French gown of grey velvet-de-laine, cut on princess lines, with a slight fullness in front falling from shirring below the waist, and made with large cape sleeves edged with grey fox. Her small French turban of grey velvet and silver lace was trimmed with a baby aigret, and a corsage bouquet of pink roses and violets completed the smart ensemble.

Tall ivory tapers cast a soft light over the refreshment table, which was centred with the three-tier wedding cake and was decorated with vases of paper-white narcissi.

TO LIVE HERE

After a wedding trip by motor to California, Mr. and Mrs. Hethy will make their home on King George Terrace. For traveling the bride donned a tailored Alix sunbeam frock of dyed wool, with a tunic of blended mole, and a black close-fitting hat with a high pixie crown and small black veil.

Among the guests at the wedding were Mr. Basil Angell, Miss Mildred Kelman, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Hamilton, all of Vancouver; Dr. and Mrs. Paul Mahone, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Anderson, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Smith, Courtenay.

Gay Week Is Concluded by Supper Dance

A particularly gay Christmas week of social activity at the Empress Hotel was brought to a close last evening, a large throng attending the Boxing Day supper dance in the crystal ballroom. As cabaret feature attractions, Miss Doreen Wilson and Mr. Wynne Shaw appeared in a military tap number and Miss Wilson sang the choruses of the new dance tunes, "The Goose Hangs High," "Red Letter Day" and "I'm in a Dancing Mood" were the tunes in greatest demand played by the orchestra.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Courtenay, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes, Miss Helen Condon (Seattle), Mr. Jack Ruttan, Miss Margaret Vantreight, Miss Orrie Branfoot, Mr. Richard Stursberg, Mr. Brian Burdon Murphy, Mr. Ronald Kay, Miss Nan Eve, Mr. S. Gilroy, Mr. George Beveridge, Mr. Stanley Wickett, Dr. O. E. Anderson (Berkeley), Mr. and Mrs. Eden Quainton (Seattle), Miss Florence Oates, Mr. Charles Helsterman, Mr. Jack Parker (Duncan), Miss Daphne Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Williams, Mr. Owen Goward, Miss Kathleen Cullum, Mr. Ronald Wattie, Miss Roseanne Bullen, Miss Jean Lennox, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stanbury.

Miss I. Goward, Mr. W. Dunbar, Miss B. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Love, Mr. D. Burdon Murphy, Mr. D. McClure, Miss Pamela Beard, Mr. D. Davis, Miss M. Philipsen, Miss Hughes, Miss M. Todd, Mr. C. Aikenhead, Mr. and Mrs. Goldwyn Terry, Miss A. Barnett, Miss F. Wheadon, Mr. R. Lund, Miss E. Macdonald, Mr. C. Schultz, Mr. Westinghouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wightman, Miss P. Cattroll, Mr. A. Fraser, Miss K. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Green, Mr. H. Worthington.

Miss D. Baxandall, Miss E. Grimson, Mr. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whittingham, Mr. C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ellis, Mrs. M. Brown, Capt. Levien, Miss Jean Macdonald, Mr. J. Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Simons, Miss Betty Bapty, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. R. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rutter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turnbull (Duncan), Miss M. Miller, Mr. R. Horsey, Miss H. Harris, Miss N. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rathe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Williams (Duncan), Miss B. Sledge, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. B. Walker, Miss E. Ross, Miss Adine Oland, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Green.

Mr. Donald Brake, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barclay, Miss Laura Dunsmuir, Miss Peggy Josephs, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morton, Mr. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamilton Smith, Miss W. Henderson, Mr. W. Bird, Mrs. Corbett, Dr. and Mrs. R. Petrie, Miss M. Adam, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckle, Mr. H. Bapty, Mr. K. Moore, Miss L. Bapty, Mr. R. Raymond, Miss V. Beek, Mr. B. Winton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walford, Mr. G. Pavlin, Mr. C. Fraser, Miss I. Ellis, Mrs. S. Payne, Miss H. Cody Johnson, Miss D. Allan, Mr. W. Tomlin, Miss W. Hall, Mr. G. Beek, Mr. Pat Parr, Miss C. Goldsmith, Miss C. Macdonald, Miss M. Lindsay, Miss E. Ruggles, Miss M. Daniels, Miss I. Benson, Mr. Bill Harrison, Mr. A. Lambert, Miss B. Monteith, Mr. D. Pangman, Mr. E. Barlow, Mr. C. Gore, Miss M. Benson, Mr. L. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ranson, Mr. R. V. Stuart, Miss Stephanie Campbell, Mr. E. Horne, Mr. B. Bossons, Mr. W. Copeland, Mr. J. Baxter, Mr. J. Strang, Mr. A. MacPherson.

Lieut. A. Greenwood (Vancouver), Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, Mr. J. M. Mooney, Mr. J. Muir, Mr. J. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Calvert, Mr. F. Pease, Mr. C. Milligan, Mr. J. A. McKinnon, Miss Audrey Homer Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boulton, Mr. G. Crawford, Mr. K. Herchmer, Mr. E. Senkler, Mr. R. Johns, Miss Kathleen Wilson, Mrs. E. A. Aldridge, Mr. C. Pearse, Mr. S. Enke, Mr. E. H. Gowan, Miss Florence Ruggles, Dr. Connelly, Miss M. Thompson, Mr. W. Cuzner, Miss Eleanor Heisterman, Miss Ruth Lees, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompsett, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Henry, Miss E. McConnell, Mr. H. Molyneaux, Mr. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blakey, Miss Winnifred Tait, Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wyckoff (Vancouver), Mr. B. Taylor (Seattle), Miss V. Lemmax, Mr. A. Millhouse, Miss Josephine Staniforth (Vancouver), Mr. A. O. Greenwood (Trail), Miss L. Smith, Mrs. W. Ashton, Mrs. R. Cornwall, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton Browne.

Attain Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. W. SLOAN

Of 413 Langford Street, who, on Thursday, December 31, will celebrate their golden wedding, have lived for many years in Victoria, and friends will be sending them congratulations on having attained their fiftieth anniversary of wedded life.

Both are in their seventy-third year. Mr. Sloan was born at Glenloig, Scotland, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sloan. Mrs. Sloan was born in Glasgow, her maiden name being Isabella McMillan, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan. The marriage took place at Glenloig, Scotland, on December 31, 1886; and twenty years later they came to Canada, to remain in this country ever since. For many years, Mr. Sloan was a watchman for the old C.P.S. Mill on Store Street.

Of the family of five children, the daughter, Mrs. Jean Boughey, lives at 315 Langford Street, near the parents. There are also four sons: Hugh, at Cecilia Street; James, Vancouver Street; William, Henry Street, and David, living in Vancouver; and two grandchildren. There will be a reception at the family home from 2 to 4:30 on Thursday afternoon.

For thirty years, Mr. Sloan has been an elder in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Choruses to Be Feature Of Snow Ball

The scene for the annual Snow Ball frolic of the Beaux-Arts will again be set in the beautiful ballroom of the Empress Hotel tomorrow night. This year as in the past the dance committee have planned some added attraction to make this dance the most distinctive of the year.

Two novel choruses in which only members of the club take part form the feature attraction. The girls wear smart costumes representing "penguins" in one dance and "skiing" outfits for the dance of that name.

The leading eight-piece orchestra will present a programme of the latest music from 9 until 2 o'clock, consisting of moonlight dances, waltzes and fox-trots, with the latter dominating the programme. Such pieces as "Pennies From Heaven," "It's De-Lovely" and "Chapel in the Moonlight" will be featured in snappy arrangements. The decorations will again be colorful and different, featuring the "Snow Ball" motif with added lighting effects by the club's electricians.

Tickets are going quickly and may be obtained from members of the Beaux-Arts or at the Empress Hotel. Everyone wishing to enjoy a really good dance, where fun and bubbling good fellowship prevail, should get a ticket for the Snow Ball frolic immediately.

Party Arranged At Vernon Villa

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Vernon Villa arranged a most enjoyable Christmas tree party for the patients in St. Joseph's T.B. Pavilion on Christmas morning. Miss Emily O'Brien was the general convener and Mrs. W. McAllister acted as Santa Claus, and distributed the gifts for each patient from a beautifully-decorated tree in the sitting-room. There were books, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, handkerchiefs and socks for the men; bright wools, knitting needles, perfumes, manicure sets, etc., for the women, and books and doll for the youngest patient. Attractive gifts were also presented to the nurses. Christmas carols were sung, and all entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion, thoroughly enjoying the party.

WINS PENROSE MEDAL

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24 (C.P.). — Dr. Arthur Philemon Coleman, professor emeritus of the University of Toronto, was announced today as recipient of the 1936 Penrose Medal of the Geological Society of America.

Clubs-Societies

Women of the Moose

After the special meeting of the Women of the Moose, Victoria Chapter, No. 25, tomorrow evening, the programme will be in charge of the officers, who will act as hostesses. Members have been asked to notify Mrs. Parker of the names of children for the Christmas tree to be held on Wednesday evening.

ADOPT MODERN METHODS

RAMSEY, Isle of Man (C.P.).—A. Harrison, a postman who has walked twenty miles a day for forty-three years on his route in the Maughold district, has been transferred to town duty, the mail now being distributed by motor van.

Witty Kitty

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM

Many a man who knows his weakness refuses to look the other way when he's being overtaken by it.

Mrs. Beraha Entertained Last Night

Fragrant cedar boughs festooned round the reception rooms, scarlet-berried holly and other festive decorations made a delightful setting for the young people's dance last night given by Mrs. A. Beraha at her home on Foul Bay Road, in honor of her daughter, Miss Perlita Beraha, and her house-guest, Mr. Gabriel Cohen, of Pomona University, Claremont, California. Each guest received an imported novelty hat on arrival and other souvenirs of the occasion. Mrs. Beraha wore a handsome gown of gold lame jersey, and her daughter, ar. attractive frock of hand-woven silk organdy threaded with pink and also silver lame, and assisting them in receiving their guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Paris, of Hollywood, who are also visiting Mrs. Paris' sister, Mrs. Beraha. Mrs. Paris had chosen for the evening a pretty pleated frock of blue satin.

THE GUESTS

The invited guests included Misses Peggy Angus, Theo Arbuthnot, Laura Bapty, Helen Baird, Bertha and June Burnett, Gladwyn Beasleym, Gracie Cook, Eileen Carter, Thisbe Fletcher, Diana Cobbett, Ruth Horton, Pamela Jones, Susan Herchmer, Rachael Jukes, Enid Long, Betty McMurray, Jean Mayhew, Elizabeth Martin, Sheila McCabe, Ann Ridewood, Joy Nixon, Connie and Mary Stephens, Barbara Muttlebury, Lillian and Virginia Ryan, Patsy Watson, Jacqueline Tweed, Helen Woodcroft, Audrey Eberts, Josephine Wilson, Gwen Wright, Caro Wyllie, Cyntjia Yarraw, Priscilla and Roseanna Gillespie, Margot Greer, Muriel Uthoff, Jane Holland, Isabel Mason-Hurley, Adine Oland, Barbara Wells, Betty Burns.

Messrs. Denis Mason-Hurley, James and Glen Niven, Peter Piddington, Jack Wells, Carl Robertson, Jack Grogan, Denis and Bill Harris, Sandy Hunter, Rod Hood, Paul Jeanneret, David and Dick Massey, Hugh and John McDonald, Ray McGregor, Douglas McIntyre, Stuart McNeil, John Meredith, Vernon Miller, Hoadley Mitchell, John and David Morgan, Phillip Musgrave, Peter Pearce, Ray Rose, Douglas Sutcliffe, Michael Symons, Bob Tait, David and John Angus, Bill and Herbert Brown, Jack Armstrong, Sandro Bullock-Webster, Peter Coste, George and Harry Clarke, Kenneth Cook, Alistair Denbigh, Douglas Firth, Jim Edwards, Siruan Robertson, John George, George and Francis Gregory, Monty Drake, John Holland, Carron Jamieson, Hugh Langton, Tommy Bassett, John Nation, Bill Ridewood, Don King and Adrian Stone.

QUALICUM BEACH PARTY

On Monday last the Cameron, Nanoose and Newcastle Agricultural Association held a most successful military whist drive in aid of the funds of the Coombs Fall Fair. Thirty-six tables were in play and Mrs. H. K. Harrison conducted the games. At the winning table were Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. P. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Topcliffe. Consolation: Mr. A. King, Mr. McRae, Misses Smith and Clarkson.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

VICTORIA

The regular semi-monthly military five hundred card party under the auspices of Victoria Women's Institute will be held tomorrow, commencing at 8:30 p.m. The usual good prizes and special prizes will be given. Refreshments will be served and friends and members of the institute will be cordially welcomed.

The Selling Event of the Season

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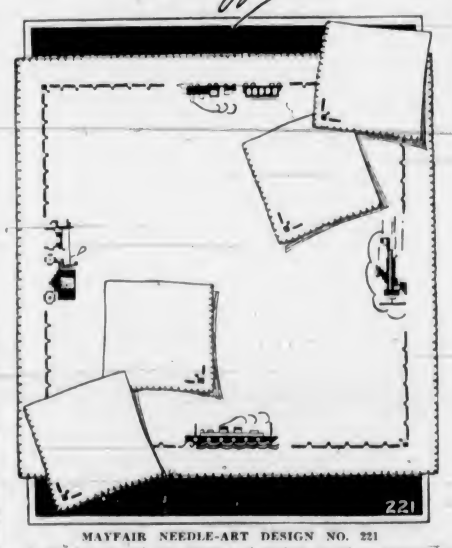

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Brentwood Dance Will Be Held on New Year's Eve

One of the most popular events of the Brentwood Badminton Club's social calender, the third annual New Year's Eve dance, will be staged Thursday, December 31, in the Brentwood Sports Hall, Brentwood. Dancing will be from 9 to 3 o'clock. Many special favors will be introduced. Turkey supper will be supplied the guests. Tickets may be obtained at Spooner's, Yates Street, or from club members.

Children's Ball To Be Gay Affair

The following committees have been appointed to look after the arrangements for the children's fancy dress ball, to be held at the Empress Hotel on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E.: Reception, the regent, Mrs. T. A. Johnston; vice-regent, Mrs. A. D. Whittier, and secretary, Mrs. J. L. Ford; tickets, Mrs. E. O. Weston and Mrs. R. Shanks; door, Mrs. P. E. George, Mrs. J. W. Cashmore, Mrs. Peacock and Mrs E. Hanbury; ballroom, Mrs. J. L. Ford, Mrs. M. A. Kent, Mrs. T. McGimpsey and Miss F. McNeill; grand march, Miss K. Johnston, Miss G. Kent and Miss Y. Langworthy; supper tickets, Mrs. Plumb and Mrs. Saunders; dining-room, Mrs. W. Harte and Mrs. R. J. Porter.

The party is under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. E. W. Hamber, Premier and Mrs. T. D. Pattullo, Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart, Hon. G. M. Weir and Mrs. Weir, Hon. F. M. MacPherson and Mrs. MacPherson, Hon. G. M. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan. Mrs. Hamber will present the prizes for the best dressed girl and boy under and over six years of age, the best comic costume for boy and girl under and over six years, and for the best national costume for boy and girl under and over six years of age. The judges will be Mrs. Basil Horsfall and Major L. Bullock-Webster.

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Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

Recreation Centres to Hold Dance

The Provincial Recreation Centres will hold their second dance of the season at the Crystal Garden ballroom on Friday, January 8. One of the best orchestras in town will furnish modern dance music, and tables of whist are being arranged for those preferring cards, with prizes for highest scorers.

Miss Frances Borde has a new solo Spanish number. Ken Wiper and Nelson Banfield are working on a men's tap dancing exhibition, and the girls will again be on hand with another dance chorus. Miss Theresa Lee-Warner is busy with her assistants on the organization committee, and it is expected that this dance will prove an even greater success than the one held at the beginning of the season.

The centres reopen on Wednesday, January 6, and the Crystal Garden will be the happy meeting place for members and their friends from all districts. North Saanich Centre is arranging for their second dance to be held at the Service Club Hall on Friday, January 22.

At the Hotels

BEVERLEY

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clayton, Port Alberni; Mr. E. E. Rice, Kelowna, B.C.; Mr. R. Scott, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. C. Mackie, Sydney, Australia; Mr. W. McDiarmid, Vancouver.

ORPHANS' HOME CONCERT

The children's Christmas concert of the Protestant Orphans' Home will be held tomorrow and Tuesday evenings at the home, corner of Hillside Avenue and Cook Street, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. Friends are cordially invited.

Social and Personal

At James Bay Hotel

A jolly dinner-dance was held on Christmas night at the James Bay Hotel, the guests joining in carol singing, bridge and dancing after dinner. The dining-room looked most festive, decorated in a color scheme of blue and silver, the tables arranged with bowls of yellow chrysanthemums. Among those present at the dinner, and the dance which followed, were Major and Mrs. J. E. Mathews, Tacoma; Mrs. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews; Mr. Rawdie Mathews, Mr. Randle Mathews, Metchosin; Mr. E. Akhurst; Major and Mrs. W. Barclay Hunton, Cobble Hill; Mrs. R. E. Innes, with party of twelve; Mrs. B. C. Combe, with party of six; Colonel Goodman, with party of ten; Mrs. G. B. Johnston, with party of fourteen; Mrs. K. R. Streatfeild; Misses Betty and Helen Streatfeild; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mitchell; Miss Allson Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jordan; Captain and Mrs. Andrew Mellin, Captain and Mrs. Robert Fort, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher (Hilliers), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. R. Stirling (Salmon Arm), Mr. H. T. Ravenhill, the Misses Alice and Edith Ravenhill, Mrs. A. B. Dundas (Sandwick), Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Percival, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Stow, Mrs. Gleadowe Newcomen, Miss E. M. Villar (Taunton, England), Mrs. Hazel Ellis, Mrs. M. Devereaux, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Murdock, Miss Murdock (Vancouver), Mrs. N. D. Thompson with a party of six, Miss Margot Robertson, Mrs. J. Graham Johnson with a party of five, Mr. W. H. Reid with a party of six, Mrs. W. T. McCrum, Mrs. W. V. North, Mrs. I. M. Adams with a party of four, Mrs. J. F. Dickson with a party of four, Mr. G. Paterson, Mr. R. S. MacBeath, Dr. T. Mercer, Mr. D. Robertson (Winnipeg), Mr. F. S. Barton, Mr. Wallie Bowden, Mr. Stanley W. Holmes, Mr. H. E. Bissell (Winnipeg), Dr. F. Wyatt Smith (Monte Carlo), Mr. J. Tyers (London), Mr. K. Borup.

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Beach Hotel Party

There was a gay throng of about 150 guests at the Christmas dinner celebration held at the Oakbay Beach Hotel. The dining-room was beautifully decorated with lighted Christmas trees, and over the fireplace, in which great logs were burning, evergreen boughs had been arranged with colored lights, while the tables were illuminated with red candles an decorated with holly and poinsettias. After dinner the guests danced in the main lounge, where silvered Christmas trees, illuminated with blue electric lights, added a bright touch of color. Among the guests were Mr. Armstrong with a party of four; Mrs. Bagshawe with fifteen; Mr. Blay with nine; Mr. Burns with eight; Colonel Wilby with four; Major and Mrs. Beal with thirteen; Captain E. V. Wilton, Colonel Lightbody with five; Mr. Cowley, Mrs. M. G. Moore, Colonel and Mrs. Grant with four; Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson with nine; Mr. and Mrs. Frame with three; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Howell with four; Mr. Hamilton with seven; Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre with ten; Dr. and Mrs. Parris with six, Mr. and Mrs. Hew Paterson with four; Mr. and Mrs. Goldwyn Terry with five; Colonel and Mrs. Worsley with six; Mr. and Mrs. Winter with eight, Mr. and Mrs. Williams with four; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wainwright with four, Mrs. Parrell with five, and Mr. and Mrs. Ciceri with ten.

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Hostess at Dance

Miss Georgina Dowdall was hostess at a delightful Christmas dance at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dowdall, Linkleas Avenue, last evening. The invited guests included Misses Marianne Wingate, Jessie Wood, Margaret Worth, Estelle Macdougall, Betty Cottet, Geraldine Paterson, Phylis Dodsworth, Alice King, Lucy Huzzey, Grace Stuart, Betty Mae Cameron, Marie Trudel, Joan Fletcher, Iris Noel, "Pat" Crawford; Messrs. Hardy Poyntz, Max Poyntz, Alex Stevenson, James Finlay, Bill Noel, Jack Campbell, Douglas Kent, Jack Stuart, Harold Trace, John Reid, John Ryan, Bud Foxgord, Alex Crawford, John Milrae, Maurice Lane, Robert Scott, Clarence Lanigan, Biggerstaff Martin, Henry Stevens, Jack Patterson and Colin Lucas.

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Young People's Dance

One of the most enjoyable of the young people's Christmas week dances was that given by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson, who entertained at their home on Margate Avenue for their son, Donald. The invited guests were Misses Mary Wickson, Jean Murdoch, Peggy Sheppard, Olive Ryall, Ann and Barbara Beckton, Vivian Denham, Mary Flanagan, Lorraine Carruthers, and Messrs Denis Swain, John Taylor, John Ryall, Walter Wickson Kennet Scharff, Dan Graham, Hugh Le Gallais, Peter Henderson, Joe Buck, Gerald Cross and Wallace Pomeroy.

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Dance at Yacht Club

The Boxing Day dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club last evening, arranged by the Victoria Rugby Union, was a great success, about 250 dancers joining in the programme. Excellent music was supplied for the occasion and supper was served at prettily arranged tabes. Greenery, Christmas trees and holly made effective decoration in the ballroom and in the halls. The proceeds of the dance will go toward's the union's hospital fund for injured Rugby players. The guests of the evening were the members of the Vancouver "rep" team.

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Dinner Hostess

Mrs. J. H. Simpson, Uplands Lodge, was a charming dinner hostess on Christmas Eve. The sitting-room was entirely lighted by red Christmas candles which cast a soft glow. The dining-room table was centred with holly and illumined with red candles. The place cards were miniature turkeys which added an effective touch to the arrangements. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. Farrell, Miss Farrell and Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme-Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. Simpson.

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Here for Holiday

Mr. Harty Morden, of Vancouver, is returning to Vancouver tonight after spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Gordon Hunter, and Mrs. Morden at the family home on Belleville Street. Mrs. Morden, who has been a patient in hospital, has now sufficiently recovered to return home.

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Over From Seattle

Mr. George E. Moss arrived on Friday to spend Christmas with his brother, Mr. James Moss, 254 Moss Street, and sisters, for three days. He will return home this afternoon. Mr. Moss is a native son of Victoria, but has lived in Seattle for the past thirty years.

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Here for Wedding

Miss Marjorie and Mr. Gordon Fletcher are in the city visiting their mother, Mrs. M. A. Fletcher, 962 Heywood Avenue, for the week-end. They will return to the Mainland Monday afternoon, Miss Fletcher to Vancouver and Mr. Fletcher to Blue River.

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Visitors in Town

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Smith, of Courtenay, were among the out-of-town guests at the Hethey-Spencer wedding yesterday, and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McDonald, Linden Avenue. Miss Constance Pollock, of Vancouver, is also Mr. and Mrs. McDonald's guest.

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Hosts to Officers

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. J. R. Kingham were hosts at a Boxing Day party yesterday afternoon at their home in Uplands, when their guests were the officers of the Canadian Scottish Regiment and their wives.

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Engagement Announced

The engagement has been announced in Vancouver of Peggy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Roaf, to Mr. Norman McKee Lang, son of Mrs. Norman Lang, of Vancouver.

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Vancouver Visitors

Corporal and Mrs. R. Wilson, of Vancouver, and their baby son, Bruce, are spending the Yuletide season in Victoria with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hamilton, of Newport Avenue.

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Arrive for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cummins, of Vancouver, and their daughters, Shirley and Diana, are spending the Christmas season here with Mrs. Cummins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Pendray, of Beach Drive.

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From Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams and Miss Williams, of Seattle, are the guests of Mrs. J. T. Williams, of 2751 Richmond Avenue, for the holidays.

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Back From Seattle

Mrs. A. H. Tuson has return to her home on George Street after spending the past six weeks visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Evans, Seattle.

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From Nanaimo

Mr. Robert Taylor, of Nanaimo, will return Up-Island this evening after spending the holiday week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Taylor, of Manchester Street.

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Dinner Party

Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart were hosts at a family dinner party on Christmas night, and after dinner a number of friends came in for an impromptu dance.

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Seattle Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Pattullo, of Seattle, are spending the Christmas week-end in Victoria, having come to attend the celebrations at the Empress Hotel.

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Holiday in New Westminster

Mr. John Grey, of the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada, is spending the Christmas week-end in New Westminster with relatives.

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Vancouver Visitor

Miss Marjorie Langley, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city as the guest of Captain and Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble, 1712 Monteith Street.

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Entertain Friends

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leach entertained about twenty guests yesterday afternoon at their home on Deal Street, Oak Bay.

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Arrives From Vancouver

Miss Betty Beddall, of Vancouver, is spending the week with her stepmother, Mrs. J. M. Beddall, Windsor Road.

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Here for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Chator Payne and Mr. Teddy Payne are among the holiday visitors in Victoria for the week-end from Vancouver.

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Boxing Day "At Home"

Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Yarrow were "at home" to a large number of their friends yesterday afternoon at their home on Foul Bay Road.

Gave Cocktail Party

The Misses Florence and Elizabeth Ruggles were hostesses at a cocktail party yesterday afternoon at their home in Uplands.

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In Vancouver

Miss Melba R. Mills left on Thursday night for a visit to the Mainland, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

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Holiday Here

Miss Kathleen Paterson, of Ladner, B.C., is spending the holidays here.

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Bridge Party

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hardie entertained at a bridge party last evening at their home on Despard Avenue.

Langford Couple Wed Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Moir, of "Cherry Bank," Langford Lake, will celebrate their golden wedding, Tuesday, December 29. Mrs. Moir, prior to her marriage, was Margaret Ann Sheret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sheret. She was married on December 29, 1886, by Rev. Hugh Cameron, Established Church, Montrose, Scotland. Four years later Mr. and Mrs. Moir left Scotland for Victoria, where they resided until twelve years ago when they decided to make their home in Langford. Their family consists of two sons and one daughter. They are: George B. Moir of Oakland, California, Mrs. F. O. Boyes, Vancouver; P. A. Moir, Langford Lake. There are five grandchildren, Margaret and David Boyes and David, Glen and Edith Moir. Mr. and Mrs. A. Moir will be at home to their friends Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 29.

Qualicum Beach

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Montgomery and family spent Christmas at Qualicum Beach.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Cadzow have as their guests Mr. R. Pettigrew, Mrs. Cadzow's brother, and Mr. J. Carter, both of Vancouver.

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Mrs. R. Hicks, of Victoria, with Ruth and Ronald, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Golding.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Fowler and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Vancouver.

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Miss Julie Cormack, who is attending school in Vancouver, is at home for the holidays. Mrs. J. Cormack, who has been visiting in Vancouver, accompanied her daughter.

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Messrs. Frank and Arthur Riddell, of Vancouver, are here for their holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanders and family, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Parker left on Saturday to attend the wedding of Mr. Harold Jones.

Liquid air is said to be five times more powerful than dynamite. It exerts ten tons of pressure to the square inch when confined.

DANCE AT SOOKE

At the New Year's Eve dance under the auspices of Canadian Legion, No. 54, Sooke, to be held in the Community Hall, a four-piece orchestra will play from 9 to 3 o'clock. There will be novelties and refreshments and the annual Legion Christmas draw will take place at 11 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

The Orange Hall on Courtney Street was the scene of a monster Christmas tree party and concert on Saturday for children of the order and the Juvenile Orange Association. More than seventy-five children were present, as well as fifty adults. The feature entertainment for the children was a showing of motion pictures by Mr. D. Flintoff. Novelties were given each child and concluded with supper for all.

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One day, while old Jim was pruning his special rose trees, down the garden path came his employer, a man about 60. He went straight to Jim and said, "James, how long have you been my gardener?"

"Eight years, sir."

"Really? Then whatever has made you give in your notice, James? I cannot understand it."

"Well, sir," said James, "I am sorry, but it is nothing to do with you. It's your missus. To tell the truth, she has got into the same way of speaking to me as she does to you. She forgets that I can leave."

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Coffee, H B C Fresh Ground, lb. 15¢
Lushus Jelly Powders, assorted, 3 packets for ..... 23¢
Dutch Cocoa, bulk, per lb. ..... 10¢
Del Monte Prunes, medium size, 2's, per packet ..... 19¢
Sugar, Finest Granulated, 10 lbs. for 63¢; 20 lbs. for $1.20
Eno's Fruit Salt, bottle, 20¢, 49¢ and ..... 79¢
Sago and Tapioca, 2 lbs. for ..... 15¢

Holbrook's Pure Malt Vinegar. Special, bottle 19c
Lifebuoy Soap, per cake 6c

Dried Green Peas, Yellow Split Peas, Lentils, White Beans, Pearl Barley ..... 2 Lbs. 13c
Neilson's Jersey Cocoa, ½ lb. 19¢
Rowntree's Cooking Chocolate, ½-lb. packet ..... 17¢
Canada Cornstarch, per packet ..... 10¢
Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour, per packet ..... 15¢
Squirrel Peanut Butter, 1's, tin 13¢

Tea, H B C Economy Blend, per lb. 3 lbs. for $1.00 ..... 35c
Chateau Cheese, ½-lb. packet 14c

Cottage Rolls, whole or half, lb. 19¢
Pacific Shortening, 1-lb. packet 12¢
Royal City Pork and Beans, 16 oz., 5 tins for ..... 25¢
Hudsonia Butter, 3-lb. lots ..... 88¢ Per lb., 30¢

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Sirloin Steak, per lb. ..... 20¢
Pork Chops, per lb. ..... 25¢
Stewing Beef, per lb. ..... 8¢
Cambridge Sausage, per lb. ..... 10¢
Round Steak, per lb. ..... 18¢
Lamb Chops, per lb. ..... 28¢

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Aylmer Peas. Choice quality, size 5, per tin 10c
Aylmar Soups, assorted, except Chicken ..... 3 tins 25c

Columbia Peaches, 2's squat tin, 13¢ 2 tins for 25¢
Nabob Jelly Powders, assortad, at, per packat ..... 5¢
Fry's Pura Breakfast Cocoa, ½'s, par tin ..... 23¢
Aylmer Pura Strawberry Jam, 4's, par tin ..... 43¢
Turner's Cut Green Beans, 2's, at 2 tins for ..... 25¢
Heinz Chili Sauca, per bottle ..... 23¢
Holsum Worcestershira Sauca, 12-oz. bottle ..... 23¢
Ready-Cut Macaroni, 2 lbs. ..... 15¢
El Rancho Corned Beef, 1's, tin ..... 11¢

Blua Mountain Pineapple. Sliced, crushed, cubas, tin 10c
Aylmer Golden Bantam Corn, 2's, per tin 10c

Tea. H B C Turban Bland. Strong and flavory, par lb. 3 lbs. for $1.35 ..... 47¢
Coffaa. H B C Mocha and Java Blend. Freshly ground. Special, lb. ..... 47¢
Tiger Brand Cohoa Salmon, ½'s, par tin, 13¢; 2 tins for ..... 25¢
King Oscar Sardines, 2 tins ..... 25¢
Brand's Potted Meats, assorted, at, per jar ..... 10¢

Eggs. Grade "A" large, per dozen 3 dozen for $1.00 ..... 35c
Toilat Rolls, Navy Toilat Tissua ..... 4 rolls 10c, 3 large rolls 22c

Buttar. Fraser Valley Prints and Seal of Quality Bulk, par lb 3 lbs. for 94¢ ..... 32¢
Clothes Pins, 3 doz. in pkt ..... 10¢
Palmoliva Soap, 3 cakas ..... 14¢
Big 5 Cleansar, 2 tins ..... 9¢
Sunlight Soap, 3 cakes for ..... 19¢
Supar Suds. Giant packet ..... 19¢
Princass Soap Flakas, large pkt 17¢
White or Colorad Papar Cups at, per packet ..... 14¢

Ayrshire Ham. Sliced, per lb. 29¢
McLaren's Crasm Chaasa at 2 pkts. for ..... 25¢
Seal of Quality Sida Bacon. Sliced, par lb. ..... 35¢
Bakeasy Shortening, for light, flaky pias, per lb pkt ..... 15¢
Salt. Plain or Iodized. New square carton. Special 6c

Juicy Sunkist Oranges, per dozen 3 dozan for 73¢ 25c
Large White Cauliflower each 20¢
Savoy Cabbage, large size aach 10¢
Carrots at 6 bunches for ..... 10¢
Bananas. Firm and ripa, 3 lbs. 29¢
Sunkist Grapefruit, par doz. ..... 59¢

Visitor Completes Sightseeing Round Of City's Churches

Somewhat After Style of Well-Known Baedeker Guide-Books, Imaginary Tourist Is Escorted to Salvation Army Citadel, Pentecostal Assembly and Gospel Tabernacle

By REV. DR. J. K. UNSWORTH

THE grey December day, as early night came on, broke into a drizzling rain, as The Colonist guide and his imagined tourist friend came to the business section of the city in the course of their sightseeing tour around the churches. They had inspected the churches on the broader streets farther from the centre—St. Andrew's Church, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Metropolitan, St. John's, First Baptist, First United and others.

Here in the downtown district, crowded up against a grain warehouse, flashed out the sign of the Salvation Army, the only religious centre that advertises itself by electric light. It looked cheerful, in contrast with the silent darkness of almost all other houses of worship. It bespoke welcome and an open house the week through.

The Salvation Army is one of the two ecumenical religious bodies; the Roman Catholic Church is the other. Its flag flies and drums beat in eighty-six countries. It proclaims its Gospel in eighty tongues and publishes periodicals in fourteen languages. The round-the-world tourist whose visit to our city has been followed during the past three Sundays was not surprised to see the Army's electric sign as we turned on to the lower end of Broad Street. It is seen the world around.

This Gospel centre is not in appearance attractive. The Army is not strong on the aesthetic. No "storied windows richly dight" for them. It is, technically, a citadel, and what can you expect of a citadel but strength? A citadel indicates war. Yes, their adherents are termed soldiers, their journal a War Cry, their officers generals, adjutants, captains and the like. A more human touch is heard in the "Army lassies." They fight with good deeds. They are the only body allowed to canvass the public on the city's streets at Christmas time. The new British legislation banning uniformed processions exempts the Army.

Adjutant and Mrs. Ede are the local commanders. Note that women have equal status with men as officers. The Army's present head is a woman, Miss Evangeline Booth. Captain Archie Dale has recently come to succeed Major Fullerton as financial man and welfare overseer for the Island.

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY

Proceeding southward, at 1316-20 Broad, is the local Pentecostal Assembly place of meeting, on the top floor of a business block. This religious body, less than twenty years old in Canada, and born in the United States on New Year's Day at the turn of the century, had its beginnings in this city about eleven years ago. The movement has spread rapidly.

The Pentecostal people affirm that the apostolic baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is indicated in many instances by the speaking of tongues and physical demonstrations. They practice baptism by immersion. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers. They hold the premillenial and imminent coming of Christ.

The local pastor is Rev. J. A. Hughes, who is also superintendent of the district. He is heard on the air, and a group of young people conduct street services in the Summer. A large orchestra is a feature of the regular Sunday evening service.

A sister religious group is the Foursquare Gospel, whose meeting place is on Blanshard, adjacent to the Jewish synagogue. A noted exponent of the tenets of this body is Mrs. Aimee McPherson, of Los Angeles.

CHURCH IN FORMER BANK

Turning to the right at the corner of Broad and Yates and crossing Government Street, the sightseeing couple came upon one of the oldest structures in the city. "Erected in 1859" is carved in stone on one side of the entrance and "Rebuilt in 1902" on the other. Six pillars adorn and dignify the front. This building housed for many years the local branch of the Bank of British North America. Now it is the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, as the signboard says, with Rev. Daniel Walker named as minister and "There's a welcome for you" as its spirit.

It's interesting that one of the latest religious groups to be established in the city should occupy one of the oldest buildings, and that a bank. More than that, the main religious body itself is not more than fifty years old, its origin postdating the erection of the bank building by about thirty years. The founder was, as the tourist was advised, a Canadian-born New York minister who gave up a large church and big salary after a singular religious experience "one Summer afternoon in the silent pine woods." There is no space in this Baedeker to tell the moving story of the humble beginnings, with but seven persons, of an organization that has taken into some eighty areas in foreign lands its evangelistic message.

The Victoria branch is within a few days of its ninth anniversary, having been formed on January 1, 1929, under Rev. Daniel Walker, the present pastor, who had been minister of the Gorge and Erskine Presbyterian Churches of this city for the preceding nine years.

ALLIANCE PLATFORM

The Alliance platform has been given as "the exaltation of Christ as the world-wide Saviour, as Sanctifier by the power of the Holy Spirit, as Healer through the continuous impartation of His life to the body as a result of the atonement; and as crowned King Who will come when the 'Gospel is preached to all nations.'"

The afternoon drawing to a close, nothing more than a passing glance could be given to the three other religious centres in the heart of the city. These were the First Spiritualist Church in the Sons of England Hall, Broad Street, the beginnings of which lie as far back as 1888, of which Rev. Flora Frampton has been pastor for eight years; Victoria Truth Centre, 720½ Fort Street, where W. Newell Weston is the highly esteemed teacher, a group, most of whose supporters were associated with the Unity movement; and the Father Divine Mission, upstairs on the south side of the 600 block on Fort Street.

In concluding the foregoing extracts from this Baedeker of Victoria's churches, which have extended over four issues of this journal, the guide expresses his intention, some time during the coming year, to describe their interiors, and also to introduce the same or some other ecclesiastically-minded tourist to the church edifices that lie farther out from the city's centre than the twenty visited.

PROVINCE WILL HOLD AUCTION

Several Million Feet of Timber to Be Auctioned or Sold By Tender Soon

Current issues of The British Columbia Gazette give notice of one timber auction and five calls for tenders to purchase other licences to cut at coastal and Interior points of the province, involving in excess of 20,000,000 board feet of logs, poles, ties and shingle bolts.

The Province will sell a licence to cut 893,000 lineal feet of cedar poles and piling on Outlet Creek, in the Osoyoos division of Yale, at a public auction to be held at Vernon on January 5.

TENDERS CALLED

Tenders are called at varying dates and places for the purchase of the following licences to cut: January 4 at Kamloops, 35,000 feet of cedar poles, 5,710 pieces of ties, 460,000 feet of white pine sawlogs, near Mara Lake, Sicamous.

January 6, at Vancouver, 1,315,000 feet of fir, cedar and hemlock, and fifty cords of shingle bolts, near Stave Falls, New Westminster Land District.

January 12, at Victoria, 9,846,000 feet of spruce, one mile south of Newlands Station on the Canadian National Railways, in Cariboo Districts.

January 13, at Vancouver, 1,640,000 feet of hemlock, fir, cedar and balsam, near Call Creek, in the Coast District.

February 3, at Victoria, 6,636,000 feet of fir, cedar and hemlock, on West Redondo Island, in the New Westminster Land District.

Cancellation of timber marks on other limits occupy several columns in the current issue of the publication.

GYROS COMPLETE HAMPER DELIVERY

Over 1,225 Well-Filled Boxes Are Send Out Locally by Clubmen

Over 1,225 families in Greater Victoria wished a "Merry Christmas" to the Victoria Gyro Club as the clubmen sent out their well-stocked hampers Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

With hampers for the outlying sections sent out on Thursday, the clubmen, assisted by many willing helpers, gathered at 7 a.m. Christmas morning to distribute the bulk of the hampers.

About forty-five special hampers were added to the original list because of a sudden influx of emergency calls. Because of incorrect addresses, many boxes came back to headquarters, where they were re-checked and sent out again.

Officials of the club sent out thanks to the public for the generous response to the club's appeal for finances, and thanks were also extended to the local firms who donated their trucks for the delivery.

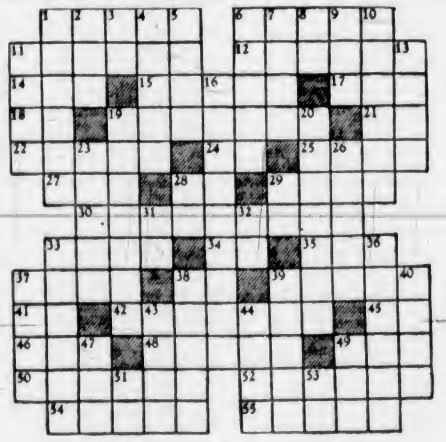
Little Doreen had just received a new doll from her aunt. "And what are you going to name her?" the aunt asked.

"Birshe," said the child.

"Birshe?" said auntie. "I've never heard that name before."

Little Doreen looked aghast. "Don't you remember that song you taught me—'Where are you going to, my pretty maid?' 'I'm going a-milking, Birshe said?'"

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

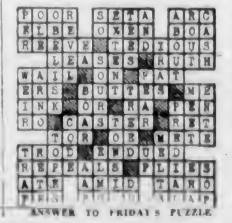


ACROSS

1. Wife of Abraham.
6. Stumbles.
11. To guard.
12. Auras.
14. To lick up.
15. Rank.
17. Girl's name.
18. Chaldean city.
19. Extols.
21. Type measure.
22. Type of vehicle.
24. Opposite northwest.
25. Frolic.
27. German article.
28. Aloft.
29. Malayan gibbons.
30. Foreboding.
32. Colloquial: scrawny.
34. Artificial language.
35. Period.
37. Wine cask.
38. Parent.
39. Part of flower.
41. Article.
42. To reel.
45. Musical syllable.
46. Inlet.
48. Mountain nymph.
49. Spanish article.
50. Gulle.
52. Obvious.
54. Spanish coin (pl.).
55. Narrow openings.

DOWN

1. Glided in air.
2. Mountain.
3. Japanese measure.
4. Oak seed.
5. Greek goddess.
6. Pronoun.
7. Uncommon.
8. Italian article.
9. Famous poet.
10. Parts.
11. Added to.
13. Subsided.
16. To belittle.
19. Repeats mechanically.
20. Defamation.
23. Storehouse.
26. Cant.
28. Pronoun.
29. Chinese measure.
31. Teutonic deity.
32. Colloquial: success.
33. Weaker.
36. Claws.
37. Poet.
38. Sales place.
39. Pertaining to foot.
40. To endure.
43. Work.
44. Clefts.
47. Card.
49. To permit.
51. Babylonian deity.
53. Preposition.



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THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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Sale — MEN'S FINE WORSTED SUITS
Blue and fancy fabrics. Regular to $22.50 ..... 15.95

MEN'S 2-TROUSERS SUITS 9 Only
All-wool tweeds in sizes 35 to 39. Regular $14.95 ..... 10.00

Sale — MEN'S BLACK LEATHER COATS
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★ 14 Only, TUXEDO SUITS
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WINTER OVERCOATS
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★ "JOSEPH MAY" ENGLISH TOPCOATS
Regular $35.00 ..... 24.95
★ WINTER OVERCOATS
Regular price $22.50 ..... 16.95

Sale — STUDENTS' WINTER OVERCOATS
Blua chinchilla in sizas 12 to 15 years. Regular $12.95! 9.95
STUDENTS' CORDUROY LONGS
Sizas 23 to 34 . . . blua or black 1.95

★ BOYS' LONG-TROUSERS SUITS 11 Only
Blue cheviot serge in sizas 9 to 11 years. Regular $8.00 and $9.95 ..... 4.45
★ BOYS' 2-KNICKERS SUITS
All-wool tweeds and blua sarges. Single or double-breastad. Regular $6.95 and $7.95 ..... 5.49
"Bay" Street Floor

Sale — WOMEN'S COATS
Imported Donegal tweed and several dark fleck tweeds . . . interlined. Formerly as high as $17.95 ..... $5

★ WOMEN'S DRESSES
Good assortment of afternoon and semi-evening dresses. Many shades, styles and sizes . . . marked low for QUICK CLEARANCE! 2.95
No Phone or Mail Orders, Please

Sale — MILLINERY, HALF PRICE
80 Felts in assorted colors and styles. $1.95 values 95¢
120 Felts and Velvets, including large head sizes. Regular to $3.95 ..... $1.95
50 Best Quality Genuine Velours, Felts and Velvets. Formerly $7.95 ..... $3.95
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Stylish tunics, swing skirts and all of Fashion's latest fancies! All shades, including black. Assorted sizes. Priced at 10.95

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★ MEN'S OXFORDS
Regular $8
Absolutely solid leather construction; specially imported leathers in Scotch grain; Goodyear welt soles. A splendid saving here! 5.85
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Sale — 200 Vegetable Graters
3 grating surfaces. Regular 15c 9c
Sift Sheen Sifters
The fast way to sift! Regular $1.25 ..... 89c

★ 15 Only, Wear-Ever Saucepans
2-quart size . . . straight handle. Regular $1.69 ..... 89c
★ 15 Only, Wear-Ever Tea Kettles
Regular household size. Regular $3.50 ..... 2.19
"Bay" Third Floor

Sale — Church's Famous English Shoes for Women
★ Regular $12.50 and $13.50
Ladies—here is a grand opportunity to get a pair of real walking shoes at a worthwhile saving. 80 pairs only! The selection includes black, brown, grey and white. Shop EARLY! 8.95
Fashion Floor "The Bay"

Little Stories for Bedtime

Peter Tries a Little Work

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

"Work," says Striped Chipmunk,
"gives a zest to play.
Work a little, play a little, for a
happy day."

A good example is like the measles—someone is sure to catch it. This time Peter Rabbit had caught it. He had caught it from busy Striped Chipmunk. And of the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows, Peter Rabbit is the very last one that you would have expected to catch anything like that. Not that Peter doesn't like to follow a good example when he sees one. Oh, my, no! Nothing like that! Peter is just as ready to follow a good example as any one. It is the kind of example that Peter had caught. He was actually filled with a desire to work!

Now, you know, Peter is happy-go-lucky. He was born that way. He doesn't like work—any kind of work. He prefers to spend all his time eating, sleeping and playing. He never could understand how Johnny Chuck could work so hard digging a house. He would use an old deserted house. He never could see why Chatterer the Red Squirrel wanted to nearly run his legs off just to store up a lot of nuts for the Winter; he would eat what he could find each day and take what came. But after he had watched Striped Chipmunk scurry back and forth, back and forth, gathering brown nuts and filling his storehouse, Peter grew strangely thoughtful. He didn't know of anyone who loved to play more, or who was merrier, than Striped Chipmunk, and yet here was Striped Chipmunk working as if he thought it the finest thing in the world.

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Peter watched, and as he watched he grew thoughtful. The longer he watched the more thoughtful he grew. Finally he went home, still thinking. It would be very nice, very nice, to have a fine storehouse full of good things to eat when the weather grew cold and the snow so deep that getting about was hard work.

But Peter knew that he never could store up food that way. Still, the more he thought of the way Striped Chipmunk was working the more he felt a longing for work, too, and then an idea came to him—he would cut a lot of paths through that bramble-tangle on the edge of that bramble-tangle on the edge of would not have to run for his life to the dear Old Brier Patch every time Reddy Fox or Old Man Coyote chased him.

Right away Peter started for the bramble-tangle on the edge of the Green Forest. When he got there he began to cut the brambles and vines off close to the ground where he wanted to make a path. Some he pulled out of the way, and others he cut again higher up. For a little he worked with great enthusiasm. It was fun to feel that he was doing as others were, working for the future. So he cut and he cut, and he pulled and he pulled, until he had an opening in the bramble-tangle big enough to get into. Then he stopped to rest. Work was so dreadfully tiresome! Presently he cut a few more, and then he stopped again for a little longer rest.

"It will be a splendid thing to have these paths cut all through here by the time Winter comes," thought Peter, and sat still to think about it. You see, it was easier to think about it when he was perfectly still, and so, because it was such a pleasant thing to think about, he sat still for a very long time. Sammy Jay saw him sitting there with his eyes closed.

"Hi, Peter Rabbit! What are you asleep for at this time of day?"

"I'm not asleep!" exclaimed Peter, indignantly. "I'm working! I'd have you know that I am making ready for Winter, Sammy Jay!"

And then, as he once more settled down to think of all that he was going to do instead of going right to work to do it, Peter couldn't understand what Sammy Jay was laughing at as he flew away.

Next Story: "Some Little People Put Their Heads together."

Six-Year-Old: "I told teacher that Daddy is thirty-six and she said he would have to fight if there's a war. I hope there won't be a war until he's forty. . . . How long is there between each war, Mummy?"

Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

Christmas Dinner Party at Empress Hotel Gay Affair

Traditional Ceremony Takes Place Amid Gathering of Thirteen Hundred—Parents and Children Join in Fun of Dancing

GAIETY reigned supreme at the Empress Hotel on Christmas night, when 1,300 guests attended and joined in the festivities of the Christmas dinner and dance, held annually for the past eight years by the hotel management.

The traditional ceremony of drawing in the Yule log and later that of bringing in the boar's head took place with great dignity and was most spectacular. Over 400 visitors had traveled from distant parts of the United States and Canada to see these age-old customs.

The Elizabethan sextette, in picturesque costumes of the Elizabethan period, knights and courtiers, also of that time, the chef and his white-clad serving men, pages, lamp bearers and frolicking jesters took part in the processional ceremony and sang the Christmas songs appropriate to the ceremonial, and also Christmas carols in which the large throng of guests readily joined in the singing.

CEREMONIAL

The sounding of the trumpeter's notes through the corridors heralded the approach of the woodmen drawing the Yule log toward the open hearth in the lower lounge. The woodmen were followed by the caroling procession. The singers halted on the way to inquire if there were "any good men and true who were prepared to defend the log against evil." Chanting the "Wassail Song" the group proceeded with the christening. Wine was poured over the log and fat from the turkey was placed on the log, and crossed hairs from the boar placed on it.

Mayor David Leeming had the honor of setting light to the Yule log from a splinter of last year's log, and as the fire roared and crackled the marshal read the proclamation and the guests joined in singing "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Good King Wenceslas," Herrick's Christmas carol and "Tollte Carda."

With the Yule log ceremonial over, the trumpeter was heard again and the guests moved off to partake of the bounteous dinner which was being served in the main dining-room, the rotunda, tea foyer and Tudor Grill. Besides these halls, four private dining-rooms were occupied by special family parties.

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

During the dinner Mr. William F Tickle and the hotel orchestra played Christmas music and well-known songs, and the favorite numbers from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas were so enthusiastically received that groups of the guests lustily sang the more popular songs. Orchestras played in both the lower and main lounges, and later joined together to make one large orchestra for the dancing in the crystal ballroom which continued until 1 o'clock in the morning.

The sextette sang carols during the two hours and the entire programme was heard in every public room of the hotel by means of specially installed sound equipment. Those taking part in the ceremonial were as follows: Seneschal, Major L. Bullock-Webster; major-domo, Phil Heal; high steward, George Hallett; Elizabethan sextette, Miss Dorothy Parsons, Miss Phyllis Deaville, Miss Catherine Denison, Miss K. Barraclough, Dudley Wickett, Jack Townsend, assisted by Earl Morrison; chef, "Chick" Holmes; trumpeter, Ernie Rance; jester, Geraldine Patterson; pages, Bruce McDowell and Jack Elliott.

THE GUESTS

Among those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. C A. Cornwall, Miss Faith Cornwall, Miss Helen Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pangman, Miss Ruth Pangman, Mr. Bud Pangman, Mr. Douglas Pangman, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Campbell, Miss Stephanie Campbell, Mr. Craig Campbell, Commander and Mrs. J. T. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Read (Winnipeg), Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gamble, Mr. James A. McVie and party, Mr. J. A. Button, Miss Pearl Widrig, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gudewill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lain, Miss Edith Crake, Mr. Edward Gudewill, Mr. Lloyd Gudewill, Mr. Emerson Gudewill, Mrs. D. C. F. MacArthur, Mrs. B. R. Clarke, Mr. E. P. Ashe, Miss Margaret MacArthur, Miss Catherine MacArthur, Miss Sheila MacArthur, Mr. C. G. H. Daniel, Captain and Mrs. Arthur Lane, Miss Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ketchen, Mr. Workman, Miss Esme Ketchen, Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Cazelet, Miss E. D. Rogers, Miss G. Mercer, Miss Marie Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. J. Were, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bingham and son Billy (Portland), Mr. and Mrs. Will V. Norris (Eugene, Ore.), Miss Stella A. Lilly, Miss Jessie I. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McIntosh, Mr. Jim McIntosh, Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, Mrs. H. T. Meugens, Mrs. Rouding, Mr. R. W. Cumming, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Appleyard, Miss Elsie Appleyard, Mr. Tony Appleyard, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sharp (Montreal), Mr. K. L. Parmler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davison, Miss Margaret Davison, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hill, Mr. Richard Hill, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Mr. E. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Horton, Mrs. L. G. Horton (Seattle), Miss Ruth Horton, Miss Betty Lou Horton, Mr. O. P. Braugh (Seattle), Miss Grace Shawler (Seattle), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Birch-Thomas (Seattle), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Humber, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Miss Norma Jones, Mrs. T. J. Cusack, Miss D. F. Davidson, Mr. F. L. Humber, Mr. Luther Holling, Mrs. Florence Innes, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fielden Lord and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McLaren, Miss Dorothy McLaren, Mrs. Joe Gorman, Mrs. J. McNiven, Miss E. Maude Bruce, Mr. L. A. Rounding, Miss Ora Pearson, Miss Mabel Wood, Mr. Larry Cumming (Vancouver), Miss Katherine M. Ross, Miss Kathleen Cumming (Vancouver), Mr. E. MacNaughton, Mrs. G. E. Kennedy Smith, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller, Mr. Archie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McIntosh, Mr. Gardner McIntosh, Mr. Kenneth McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. W. Adamson, Miss Adamson, Miss Sheila Adamson, Miss Kennedy Smith, Miss Vera Kennedy Smith, Mr. John G. Smith, Mr. L. B. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Whittom and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robertson (Wyoming), Miss K. Bentham, Miss Louise Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dutton (Seattle), Mr. Charles M. Gates (Seattle), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. J. Millins, Miss Betty Millins, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Milton, Miss Mollie Milton, Mr. Arthur Lemon, Master Earnest Lemon, Miss F. E. Clarke (Australia), Mrs. S. R. Roberts, Miss J. C. Roberts, Miss M. T. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. Herbert Brown, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Day, Miss Alice Munsie, Miss Catherine Day, Mr. Wynne Day, Mr. Bob Day, Miss Grace Bridges (Portland), Miss Carolyn Brown (Portland), Miss Maysie Foster (Portland), Mr. Fern Graham (Portland), Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Eldridge (Seattle), Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eldridge (Spokane), Mr. W. R. Eldridge (Seattle), Miss Gladwyn Beasley, Miss Ivy Brown, Miss Katherine Sceats, Miss Honor Benson, Mr. Alex Crawford, Mr. Gregory Crawley, Mr. Charles McNeill, Mr. George Gibson, Miss Stephen Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. A. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Steele, Miss G. Gardiner, Miss Ruth Norton, Miss Bertha L. Moore (Seattle), Mary Loretta Foss and Mr. G. Magina Carroll all of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradford, Mr. Peter Bradford, Mrs. J. M. Beddall, Miss Betty Beddall (Vancouver), Mr. Chator Payne (Vancouver), Mrs. F. N. Payne, Miss Noreen Payne, Princess Chikhmatoff, Mr. Ian Ross, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lennox, Miss Jean Lennox, Miss Barbara Twigg, Mr. Hoadley Mitchell, Miss Macdonald, Mr. W. B. Lanigan, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Todd, Miss Terese Todd, Miss Derry Todd, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Todd, Mayor and Mrs. David Leeming, Capt. and Mrs. O. Harker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Davies, Mr. Jim Davies, Capt. and Mrs. A. S. Parkes, Miss Phyllis Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Davis, Lieut. G. T. Emmons, U.S.N., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McIntosh, Miss C. Leeder, Miss Sybil Fraser, Major and Mrs. L. Bullock-Webster, Mr. Sandro Bullock-Webster, Mrs. A. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cree, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Troupe and family, Miss Audrey Eberts, Mr. James Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Angus, Mrs. E. Hammond King, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Miss Gloria Wilson, Mrs. Durand, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ker and family, Mrs. John Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Galt Martin (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King, Miss Claire King, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Wilson, Mr. Douglas Wilson, Mr. T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cockburn, Miss Evelyn Cockburn (Carmel, Cal.), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Prior and Miss Marcia Prior.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Robertson, Major and Mrs. A. D. Macdonald, the Misses Macdonald, Mr. Jack Bryden, Miss Betty Brydon, Mr. Raymond, Mrs. A. E. Kent, Mrs. L. Jones, Miss Julia Kent Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. D. Fairbairn, Miss Mercer, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Heisterman, Mr. Charles Heisterman, Miss Eleanor Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, Mrs. Storey Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Green, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown and members of their families, Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Yarrow, the Misses C. and V. Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grant, Miss Felicity Grant, Capt. W. Everall, Miss J. E. M. Bruce, the Misses Nelson, Mr. H. O. Nelson, Mr. Ross Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman, Miss Dorothy Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. J. C. Bridgman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittome, Miss Kathleen V. Boyd, Miss Kathleen Harnedy, Miss Helen F. Clarke, Miss Isabella Jack, Miss Ruth Monahan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitehead (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beechin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pailson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. H. Foules, Mr. and Mrs. N. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. N. Patison, Mr. and Mrs. I. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beeching, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cash, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McConnan, Mr. M. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenvin (Vancouver), Mr. Jack Cash, Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Walls, Master John Walls and Master Jerry Walls.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hobbs, Miss Jennifer M. L. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Kimball (Bremerton), Mr. and Mrs. D. James Angus, Miss Peggy Angus, Miss Grieves, Mr. John Angus, Mr. David Angus, Mr. and Mrs. MacKay, Miss L. MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bland, Miss A. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robbins, Mr. Moses Goldstein, Miss Rebekah Goldstein, Mrs. A. E. Clementa, Miss Nora Clementa, Miss Grace Clementa (Nanaimo), Mr. Reginald Clements, Mr. Jack D. B. Ellis (Vancouver), Colonel and Mrs. Gilbert Piper and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goldring, the Misses Marnie and Priscilla Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nation, Brigadier and Mrs. J. Sutherland Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nation (Vancouver), Mr. Ian Brown, Mr. George Nation, Master Athol Brown, Miss Beatrice Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Scharff, Kenneth and Joan Scharff, Mr. and Mrs. Burt-Smith and Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane, Mrs. Lindsay Hall and party, Mrs. L. Ramsay, Miss I. Ramsay, Madame Griffaton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griffiths, Mrs. J. C. Kemp, Miss Barbara Kemp, Master Sandy Thomson, Master R. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Diggon, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Villiers Fisher, Master J. F. Fisher, Miss Joan Fisher, Mr. William Russell, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stevens, Mr. Frank Stevens, Mrs. Minerva Loveless, Mrs. B. C. Coffey Sr., Mr. B. C. Coffey Jr., Miss Betty Lou Coffey (Seattle), Mrs. Burton Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Shiels (Bellingham), Dr. Hannah Johnsen, Miss Mary Helen Thymian, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Thymian, Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme Dickson, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Clendinning, Miss Corringham, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Captain and Mrs. Saunders, Miss C. Murray, Dr. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy and Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker.

A Bright Little Fellow With Sparkling Eyes

—Photo by Gibson.

A SMART little "sailor" lad is Ronald William Anfield, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Anfield, 1419 Camosun Street, and grandson of Mrs. J. T. Williams, Richmond Avenue and Mrs. R. A. Anfield, Newton Street.

Three Pretty Sisters in Cosy Home Setting

—Photo by Robert Fort.

These Three Attractive Little Girls Are the Daughters of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. McNiven, Beach Drive. Dorothy Is Six Years Old, the Baby, Peggy, Is a Year Old, and Betty (Right) Is Four.

Langford

Mrs. A. W. Wade, who has been staying at the Empress Hotel for several months, has returned to her home, "Connemara," Island Highway. Mrs. M. Linley accompanied Mrs. Wade.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Boyer and family, of Vancouver, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. Moir, "Cherry Bank," Langford Lake.

As late as 1631, cattle in several European countries were made to pull crude ploughs by their tails.

Special Music Adds to Enjoyment of Tea Hour

Christmas decorations, special music by the orchestra, and a general air of jollity made the Yuletide tea at the Empress Hotel yesterday afternoon one of the most delightful of the week's gatherings.

Among those having tea were Mr. and Mrs. F. Saxton White, Mrs. William Bell, Mr. D. Stewart Mitchell, Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. T. R. Bowden, Mrs. A. E. Bowden, Miss Kathleen Elliott, Mrs. Wilfrid Hartley, Mrs. A. Oates, Mrs. M. Maas, Mrs. M. Craig, Mrs. R. W. Knowles, Mrs. F. B. Shore, Misses Gertrude Oates, Kate Merrill and Edith Oates, Mrs. H. McConnell and Mr. Robert McConnell (Banff), Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Armstrong, Miss May Joyce with a party of five, Mrs. J. R. Hartley, Mrs. James P. Burbridge, Miss Elsie Graham, Miss Marjorie Grahara and Mrs. E. H. Rennie (Vancouver), Miss J. T. Kay, Mrs. James H. Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart (Portland), Miss Morris (Seattle), Mrs. E. C. Posgate, Mrs. M. M. Murray, Miss L. M. Sylvester, Mrs. R. V. Campbell, Mrs. L. P. Macrae; Mrs. C. W. Kirk, Mrs T. W. Miller, Mrs. J. A. Fletcher, Miss Margaret Winter and Miss Lucille Kirk, all of Vancouver; Mrs. C. W. Bradshaw.

Mrs. J. M. Green, Mrs. P. M. Barr (Berkeley, Cal.), Mrs. J. Creeden, Mrs. W. Harker, Miss Elsie Creeden, Miss Jean Ker, Miss Isabel Barnes, Miss Margery Telford, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Harker, Miss E. Harker, Mrs. Norman Lothian (Vancouver), Miss Lothian, Miss N. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beeching, Mrs. James Adam, Miss Elaine Adam, Mrs. R. P. Thymian, Miss Mary Helen Thymian, Dr. Hannah Johnsen, Mrs. G. I. Bell, Miss K. Erb, Miss Pyllis Bell, Mrs. C. W. McAllister, Mrs. C. O'Brien, Mrs. Ernest Eve, Mrs. J. Addison, Miss M. Rodger, Miss S. McAllister, Miss J. McAllister, Mrs. F. Rough, Misses Evelyn Harper, Louella Harper, Margaret Ryan, Jean Fannin, Win Elliott, Miss K. Haynes, Miss M. Haynes, Miss Mary Haynes, Mrs. Grace Foster, Mrs. J. E. Goldring, Miss L. Michaelis, Mrs. Arthur Oates, Mrs. J. K. Hodges, Mrs. Ian Jardine, Miss N. Joyce, Miss J. I. Kay, Mrs. George Millar, Dr. J. S. Stevenson, Mrs. H. Rourke, Miss Rattray, Miss V. Roche (Seattle), Miss Billy Gottschalk (Seattle).

Legion to Hold New Year's Eve Party

At a meeting of the directors of the Sooke Community Association and the officers of the Canadian Legion, Branch 54, Sooke, it was mutually arranged that the New Year's Eve dance will be held in the old Sooke Community Hall, under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, and that any moneys that are over and above the regular profits of previous New Year dances will be donated to the Sooke Community Hall building fund.

The matter of the opening of the new hall was left in abeyance for the time being and will be announced at a future date. This dance promises to be one of the largest gatherings ever held in this district.

Engagement Is Announced

MISS HELEN SWEETLAND

Mrs. V. E. Sweetland, Richmond Road, announces the engagement of her only daughter, Helen, to Mr. Alan Chatwin Butchart, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Butchart, Beverly Hills, California. The marriage will take place in the near future.

The Open-Faced Sneezer

Health Service of the Canadian Medical Association and the Life Insurance Companies in Canada

We read almost daily in the press the sad results of carelessness of pedestrians and motorists, but we seldom, if ever, read of the sad results of the carelessness of "open-faced" sneezers.

Nevertheless, the "open-faced" sneezer is more dangerous than the careless motorist. A person is guilty of criminal negligence who is careless and lacks consideration for others, who, without any thought, sneezes, showering particles of material from his nose and throat all around him.

A man who strikes another is guilty of assault. Public opinion, as expressed in the law, does not allow of such assaults, and requires that the person who commits one be punished. A far more dangerous assault is committed by the careless sneezer. Public opinion should recognize this and stop it.

Disease germs pass out in the secretions of the nose and mouth. A sneeze casts a germ-laden spray for ten feet. If the sneezer covers his nose and mouth with a handkerchief, the danger is practically ended. If the desire to sneeze is too sudden to allow of using the handkerchief, the head can at least be lowered and the spray directed to the floor, not into other people's faces.

In addition to those actually ill, many persons carry disease germs in their nose and throat. People with colds continue to go about their business. For these reasons, the sneeze may be the means of spreading disease, and, for these reasons, also, an end should be put to the "open-faced" sneezer.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

She (just rescued from a burning building): "Oh, my baby! Won't somebody save my baby?"

Gallant Fireman: "I will." (Disappearing amid the flames.)

Gallant Fireman (presently appearing at an upper window): "Ain't no baby here. Nothin' but this dog."

She: "Oh, that's my baby."

Christmas Spent Happily By Orphans, Aged, Sick

Hundreds, Away From Home, Enjoy Some of the Amenities of the Holiday, Although in Hospital or Other Institutions

With turkey and plum pudding on the dinner table, or turkey and plum pudding on the tray, residents in the homes for the aged and homes for infirm, the orphanned, and hospitals for the sick, enjoyed the amenities of Christmas Day dinner with as much gusto as many of their more fortunate fellow beings who had the meal in the bosoms of their own families or at some of the big restaurants.

At the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage several members of the committee sat down with the thirty-four children at the mid-day meal and remained to participate in the fun connected with the advent of Santa Claus when he came at 2 o'clock to distribute gifts from the great Christmas tree. The children had hung up their stockings the previous night and had already the thrill of abstracting from the toes of these the little preliminary gifts left by Santa overnight.

Both at the Old Men's Home and the Aged Ladies' Home the Christmas dinner was served at mid-day. Many visitors called at the former institution in the course of the morning, the guest of honor at the dinner being Mayor Leeming, who later acted as Santa Claus and distributed presents. There were paper caps and other souvenirs to supplement the gaiety of the occasion. More visitors called in the afternoon, tea was an informal home-like affair and there was an impromptu programme in the evening. At the Aged Ladies' Home members of the committee were present to wish the season's greetings to the residents, and about a hundred sat down to the bountiful repast. The afternoon was quietly spent, with a number of callers.

THE SOLARIUM

The children at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, Mill Bay, had one of the best days in their calendar. There are more than seventy children at the present time and each had his stocking early in the morning. Dinner was a merry meal, and the wards were filled with the sound of excited voices as the kiddies "fell to," with relish, to enjoy the good viands provided.

At the Seamen's Institute, where "open house" is being kept through the holiday season, several seamen were given something approximating the joys of "Christmas at home" by finding cosy clubrooms furnished with good fires, "smokes," sandwiches and a warm welcome. Several men from the Ms. Aorangi and the Princess Elizabeth called during the day.

AT THE HOSPITALS

Patients at the Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals who were well enough enjoyed the customary good dinner of turkey and plum pudding. For the less fortunate there were special delicacies for the trays. The children's ward, which is full, is beautifully decorated and the Daughters of Pity, who give their unfailing interest and sympathetic attention, sent emissaries out during the day to see that all went well with the small patients.

A choir of nurses toured the hospital on Christmas Eve, singing carols. The forty patients of the T.B. ward were served by the Florence Nightgale Chapter, I.O.D.E., with a special Christmas dinner. The Fellowship Club provided a banque of good things for the chronically sick in the Annex. Various societies that take charge of details in special wards conveyed Christmas cheer as usual.

At St. Joseph's the carol singing took place early in the morning, the breakfast trays carried from the sisters to each of the patients a special card of individual greeting. Santa Claus visited the children's ward during the morning and brought a smile of greeting for each and all. The nurses had their usual Christmas dinner at 11:30 in the morning, in time to free them to serve the patients. The Vernon Villa Auxiliary looked after the Christmas tree, which provided a cheery note and a present for each of the T.B. patients in the Annex.

UNEMPLOYED BANQUET

One of the biggest dinner parties in Victoria was at the Chamber of Commerce, where nearly three hundred homeless unemployed were entertained at Christmas dinner, through the kindness of Mrs. E. Sayward-Wilson, who has generously provided the meal for several years. Mrs. W. C. Todd's gift of a dollar bill for each of the guests was also greatly appreciated. Bob Smith presided as chairman and brought a jovial atmosphere to the gathering.

The Citizens' Recreation Room, 521 Fort Stret, was open until 9 o'clock in the evening and numbers of unemployed spent part of the day visiting each other over a cigar. Friends had provided candy, fruit and "smokes" and these were much appreciated by callers.

CHIANG BACK IN NANKING

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The rebel leader was brought by Dr. T. V. Soong, Madame Chiang's brother, in whose home he was detained under guard tonight.

The Government, considering the two weeks' crisis at an end, proclaimed lifting of the "military control" imposed throughout the country immediately after its leader's capture by General Ho Ying-Chin, Minister of War, ordered cessation of the punitive expedition which had been sent into Shensi to put down the revolt.

URGES LENIENCY

The Government itself must determine the fate of the penitent Chang, the Generalissimo asserted, but he expressed confidence his recommendation of leniency would be followed. He would urge similar treatment for General Yanr Hu-Chen, subordinate of Marshal Chang who shared leadership of the revolt with him.

The Government stuck by its declaration that Marshal Chang's surrender was "unconditional," that no money had been paid for his captive's freedom and that no promises had been made him.

Credit for the dramatic solution to the grim threat of civil war was universally accorded the generalissimo's American-educated wife, the former Mei-Ling Soong, who stood proudly at his side as he took the tumultous salute of the thousands who rushed to hail their leader's freedom.

With her brother, Dr. T. V. Soong, the intrepid Mme. Chiang, unaided by the Nanking Government, braved the hardships of her husband's captivity to negotiate directly with the rebel marshal for his release.

WHEREABOUTS SECRET

Marshal Chang's whereabouts was a closely guarded secret.

The arrival of the rebellious military leader in the capital was announced by a Government spokesman, who said:

"Information concerning the marshal has heretofore been banned. Now, however, we can say the marshal arrived in Nanking at 2.30 p.m. (10.30 a.m., P.S.T.) with Dr. Soong.

"He will remain here pending a settlement of the issues concerning him."

Chiang's captivity had marked one of the most dangerous threats to Chinese unity since he rose to power as head of the powerful Nationalist party.

Marshal Chang's rebellion at the capital of Shensi Province immediately was echoed in reports of vast Communist armies on the march to the West and Northwest.

They were understood to have been called into action to back up Chang's demain for their inclusion as part of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

REACTION IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Dec. 26 (CP-Havas).—The release and return of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek is a matter for the "warmest congratulation," Foreign Office circles said here today.

In the absence of any definite news concerning the terms on which the Shensi crisis was settled, Japanese observers said the future orientation of Nanking's policies would have to be watched closely.

Nanking's claim that Chiang was released "unconditionally" was received here with reservations. It was believed here that the young marshal had accepted compromise proposals put forward by Nanking.

The strong man on holiday in the West country rode on horseback to challenge a farmer whose great strength had gained him a reputation. He entered the farmyard, tied up his horse, and approached the farmer.

"Hey," he said, "I've heard a lot about you, and have come a long way to see which is the better man."

Without answering, the farmer seized the intruder, hurled him bodily into the road, and returned to his work.

When the loser had recovered his breath, the farmer growled: "Have you anything more to say to me?"

"No," was the reply, "but perhaps you'll be good enough to throw me my horse."

E. D. HUBBARD PASSES

MIDDLETON, Conn., Dec. 26 (AP).—Elisha Dyer Hubbard, fifty-eight, husband of Muriel McCormick, heiress to the International Harvester fortune, died today at his estate, "Lone Tree Farm," here. He had been in ill health for several years.

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Your Health and Your Weight

DESTRUCTIVE EMOTIONS TAKE OFF WEIGHT

By JAS. W. BARTON, M.D.

A middle-aged woman consulted her physician regarding her overweight. She had weighed 130 pounds when she was married, gradually increased in weight to 140 pounds, had passed the menopause without much gain in weight, but now, five years later, was rapidly accumulating weight, weighing 165 pounds.

Knowing the patient well, the physician stated that the weight was increasing because she had no worries—both children happily married, her husband well and filling a responsible and well-paid position.

"If your children or grandchildren were sick or your husband lost his position, or you had real work to do, and something to worry about, you would lose instead of gaining weight."

He suggested that what she needed was a hobby—something to engage her time and energy, that she engage in some form of welfare work where she could see some of the misery of many unfortunates; see how careless fathers, and sometimes mothers, were themselves responsible for the distress of the home; see how, despite the industry and intelligence of some individuals, life had been hard on them—sickness, loss of employment and other conditions.

"When you see some of these people and their homes, you are going to be very angry at times, filled with pity at other times, but always you'll meet something that will make you mad, make you anxious, make you eat less and sleep less as your thoughts dwell on the sights of the day."

Research workers have been able to show that emotional distress—anger, rage, fear—eat up fat; and so reduce weight because they interfere with two of the main causes of overweight—eating and sleeping.

"A small cat was put into a cage, with a big dog in the cage adjoining. The dog barked, growled and raged when he found he could not reach the cat. The cat, of course, became terrified as the dog's fury increased. Both lost weight rapidly."

The trouble in trying to reduce weight in most of our fat friends by this method is that they are "slow to anger." They are not so easily irritated or enraged as those of normal weight. Fortunately there seems to be in all of us a desire to keep young, to keep our shape or figure, and it is the fear of losing shape or figure that drives men and women to the reducing diets. The first greeting of a friend or acquaintance whom they have not seen for some time is "My, you have certainly got a lot fatter; I hardly knew you." This makes them mad. This madness eats up some of the fat to begin with, because the blood actually takes up the fat from the body under destructive emotions; they go at reducing weight so vigorously that they will really accomplish wonders in getting rid of their fat.

Further, as mentioned above, most stout individuals going through lengthy periods of destructive emotions gradually lose weight, not only because the fat is taken up by the blood, but because the appetite becomes poor, the digestion is upset, and constipation may follow. Added to this is the loss of calmness of mind during the day as the cause of the worry or distress keeps coming into the mind. And also, of course, the restless nights that keep the individual constantly turning and moving about in bed in an endeavor to get some restful sleep.

Now it is not recommended that if you wish to reduce weight your family should try to keep you enraged, frightened, or infuriated. It is a great asset in these days to be able to keep the mind calm and restful. But, as a matter of fact, many individuals have been able to reduce by having the mind made active, not by rage or fury, but by some helpful mental occupation aside from their regular work. They have developed a "hobby."

This hobby would mean less time for mental and physical rest throughout the day, would make food seem less important, and would not permit of such long periods of sleep during the night.

And, after all, the secret of all reducing (in fact, there is no secret about it) is simply not to eat as much or sleep as much as has been your habit.

A little less food, a little less sleep, and a hobby that will mean a little extra activity of body and mind will gradually take off the weight.

Bob: "Do you know that boy Williams?"

Bert: "Yes; he sleeps beside me in the history class."

WRITES ABOUT GARDENS HERE

North Dakota Woman Tells Of Beauties in R. P. Butchart's Big Estate

Vancouver Island's beauties and charms are being kept well before the eyes of newspaper and magazine readers. Among other articles describing Island attractions, received at the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau, is one describing R. P. Butchart's gardens.

Written by Mrs. T. A. Olsen, of North Dakota, the article follows, in part: "They named the place "Benvenuto," which means "Welcome." And it lives up to its name—everyone is made welcome. There are no signs of "keep off the grass," or "do not pick wild or cultivated fruit or flowers," or "no trespassing," or "put rubbish here," or of any other kind. People come singly and in groups or even en masse. In the office, I was told, they never have any trouble with the visitors, though the guests are allowed to roam about at will where they wish, unmolested and unmolesting.

VICTORIA VERY BRITISH

"No flowers picked, no seeds snipped, no slips slipped, no trash scattered about, nothing injured in any way. So maybe Victoria is very British after all.

"There is ample parking space, places to rest; there are swings and seats and tiny tables for the children. And—there are the gardens! I cannot describe the garden. I doubt if even a smart person could. It is fairyland and heaven and the Garden of Eden under cultivation. There are wild parts and plenty of water, natural and piped in, rose gardens, arbors, rocks, color, beauty and every kind of a flower one can think of in all its many shades.

"Near the entrance gate to the estate, is a building in which one may buy seeds of almost any kind of flowers which grown in the garden.

"And here we see the motto of the house of Butchart illuminated and framed. It is called 'The Spirit of Benvenuto.'

"'Do right because it is the right thing to do. Be courageous, and you thereby honor yourself. Be efficient, thus gaining the respect of others. Be honest, thereby obtaining true happiness. Try to realize the value of time. Constantly improve in mental, moral and physical qualities. Be fair-minded, shun prejudice and jealousy. Be loyal and co-operate cheerily with others'."

A Sunday school teacher asked the boys and girls what they would like to be.

One little girl said she would like to be an angel "and fly up to the sky."

"Now, Tommy," the teacher said to one of the boys, "would you like be an angel, too?"

"Nanw," said Tommy. "I'd rather be an elephant and squirt through my nose.

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CHAPTER XXVI

"You want to get married, don't you?" Arlen asked.

Philip smiled. "I'd like to have a house and . . . Most of the boys who finished college when I did are married and . . ."

"But you'd want me to love you."

"Romance doesn't last," he said sulkily. "That's the trouble with most girls. They have a lot of ideas. They get over them when they get married."

She laughed. "You think I'm I'm chasing the will-o'-the-wisp, don't you?"

"Arlen, I don't think you know exactly what you want."

"But I do. Last year it was only an idea, Philip. It is real now. I don't want to be an ornament in a man's life to set off his furniture and rugs. Yes, Philip, I'm romantic and probably a little mad."

"I'm still hopeful. Women have been known to change their minds."

"Ann Tucker likes you, Philip, and Ann's a lovely girl. There are no storms in her personality, and she doesn't want the moon. And she was cool to me tonight because obviously since I've been back you haven't been to see her."

"But her mother! Do you know her mother, Arlen?"

"The formidable Mrs. Tucker? Vaguely."

"When Ann's sister Lucy was married, Mrs. Tucker insisted that the clergyman read the ceremony to her before the wedding took place," he paused to chuckle at the memory, "she had stricken out vows she thought Lucy wouldn't want to keep. It was a riot! And you want to wish something like that on me! Arlen," a serious pause, "you mean this? You mean that there isn't a chance for me?"

"It's final, Philip, and I'm sorry."

In the house she could hear Gerda's baby crying softly and the German maid's soothing voice.

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In the law office of John Ness, Arlen looked at her father and wondered if Karen would come. She thought, "I have been in the ruins of love before and have written epitaphs for it."

Her father looked embarrassed and nervous; he expected a stormy scene. John Ness's fingers thoughtfully tapped the edge of his mahogany desk. When his secretary said, "Mrs. Leeds is here," Arlen saw her father jump.

Karen posed in the doorway and regarded them with hostile eyes. "Sit down," directed John Ness and indicated a chair in front of him. When Karen looked at her husband as if she were about to speak to him, he looked away. She looked at Arlen's velvet beret, sat down, and crossed her shapely legs.

John Ness spoke with firm kindness. "Mrs. Leeds, I believe I understand the facts of this case thoroughly."

"You know one side of the story," Karen replied. "Their side."

"Are you willing to go back to your husband?"

"I'll never go back to him."

"And I understand that what you want from him is support—an income."

"Yes."

"If Mr. Leeds is willing to take you back and you refuse to go, then there are no grounds upon which you can demand support."

"Aren't there any laws to protect a woman?" Karen flashed.

"Of course, but there is no law to provide an income for a wife who leaves her husband without cause."

"Oh! I see. I left him. Well, what do you want me to do?"

John Ness smiled with tolerance. "You have a right to get a lawyer, Mrs. Leeds, and bring this case into court, but I am sure it will avail you nothing, and in the end you'll have a lawyer's fee to pay. The dignified way to end this—this unfortunate marriage is not to see or communicate with your husband for three years and at the end of that time he can get a divorce from you for desertion. If you should wish to marry before that time, other arrangements possibly less dignified, could be made."

Karen's voice was less disdainful. "Can I keep the jewelry?"

"I hardly think that Mr. Leeds will charge you with larceny."

Karen toyed with her glove for an electric minute. Anger at herself spotted her cheeks; she was telling herself she had never had any luck and that she had made a fizzle out of the only profitable conquest she had ever made. If she had not married and had brought a suit for breach of promise, exhibiting George's letters, she would not be sitting in this dreary office with three people who knew she was beaten. A breach of promise verdict always brought a handsome settlement, but in marriage you got nothing that you could not take. Suddenly a ray of hope descended on her that would give her the pleasure of the proverbial last laugh. She remembered that there was a savings account in one bank in both her name and George's.

She got up, looked directly at John Ness and said, "Okay. I'm not doing so bad at that. I've got enough clothes to last a couple of years, a roadster, and a box full of jewelry. I can get my old job back, too. You don't have to worry about me showin' up any more. This hasn't been any fun for me bein' married to a man old enough to be my father."

Karen hurried past the outer office, in her haste knocking over a flower vase on the secretary's desk. She gave the broken vase and the strewn flowers an impatient glance and stepped into the hall. She walked from one side of the hall to the other and frantically pressed the "down" button. She looked at her diamond-studded watch. If she hurried to the hotel and got her bank-book, she could get to the bank before it closed.

When the elevator finished its slow descent and the operator reached to open the door, Karen cried, "You took long enough! Make it snappy!" She did not take the time to walk the three blocks to where Arlen's roadster was parked. Hailing a cab, she said to the driver, "I'm in an awful hurry," and sat on the edge of the seat.

Delay seemed to meet her at every turn. There was a traffic tie-up and the hotel clerk was not behind the desk. Karen got her own key and ran up the steps. Furiously she went through bureau drawers, through boxes, and her traveling bags. In the pocket of a week-end bag she found the bank-book and hurried out.

A surly taxi driver took his time, oblivious to her cries of, "Hurry, can't you!" until she screamed, "I'll give you a dollar if you'll get goin'." After a few breathless moments she alighted from the cab before it actually stopped and did not wait to pay the driver.

The bank-book showed a balance of a little more than five thousand dollars. Nervously she made out one check for the whole amount, crushed it, and made out another for the round figure of five thousand dollars.

The teller at the small window looked at her soberly, and asked, "How would you like to have it?"

Karen gasped. "What?"

"In small or large bills?"

"Oh! It—it doesn't matter. Large, I guess."

When she came out of the bank, the cab driver was waiting. Suddenly she shook with fear. Did he know? And she saw herself being robbed of her heavy purse.

"Oh," she said, "I forgot. I wanted to get there to make a deposit," and handed him the fare plus a dollar tip.

Walking to Arlen's roadster, she was smiling broadly.

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John Ness folded his hands and said, "There you are, George. It wasn't so bad, was it? She could have kicked up a rumpus, you know."

Arlen said, "I wonder why she got up so quickly, and hurried off. She usually likes to see a scene to the end and have the last word."

"You're practically a free man," said John Ness. He passed George Leeds a cigar. "This hasn't hurt you as much as it's hurt Arlen. Girls her age have no business having a part in things of this kind. I wouldn't want my own daughter to, and she's married. Why don't you both celebrate tonight?"

"I don't know what I've got to celebrate," Arlen's father said.

"Celebrate the fact that sirens often turn out to be shrews."

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In a small supper club George Leeds sipped his creme de menthe and said, "You've stuck by me, Arlen. It's over now and you can go back to New York."

"But what are you going to do? You can't live alone."

"You don't want to give up the house, do you? No it's not that either. You don't want to turn the German girl out."

"I hate to think of the baby sleeping in a cold attic. Gerda hasn't any place to go, I can't turn her out in January."

"I told you you had something on your hands. Of course I could live with Jerry, and the girl could stay on for the Winter. It wouldn't cost much to feed her. That is, if you really want to go back."

"I don't know. I've really nothing to go back for."

Philip Preston called late that night and asked her to go to a play the next Saturday in Washington. It was a play that was not coming to a Baltimore theatre.

Several evenings later when she was sitting before her dressing-table brushing miraculous lights into her yellow hair, she heard her father's short, quick footsteps coming up the stairs. He opened the door and stood there, breathless.

"I know why Karen ran out that day!" he cried, purple with anger. "I went to the bank today and found she had drawn out five thousand dollars! Five thousand!" he groaned. "It's almost all I had in the world."

And Arlen, her hand touching her hair, seemed to hear an echo of Karen's last laugh.

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TREATING AND PREVENTING CHAPPED SKIN

As the cool weather comes along it so happens that there is less fat under the skin. The production of fat in the skin is at its lowest point during the cold weather because there is not the same amount of sweat and oil needed at this time as during hot weather when the sun with its penetrating heat must not be permitted to bake or tan the skin too much.

Then as cold air cannot hold as much moisture as warm air, the cold air of the Winter months has a drying effect upon the skin.

This, then, is the explanation of chapped hands in the cool weather.

When the hands (or face) are chapped there are tiny cuts in the skin, or mucous membrane, so that these little cuts or fissures resemble to some extent the "fissure" type of eczema.

The fissures are painful about the mouth and lips, and as there is less moisture in the air anyway, it is only natural for the patient to moisten his lips, which further aggravates the condition.

The treatment of chapped skin is both internal and external, the internal treatment consisting of omitting foods which seem to aggravate the condition together with taking half a teaspoonful of baking soda twice daily. The external treatment consists of applying a glycerin and boric solution to the parts. Unfortunately, the average soap seems to aggravate the condition so that in many cases soap must be entirely avoided. To prevent the chapping and to make up for the lack of fat in the skin during the cool weather any bland fat—lamb's fat—may be rubbed on the skin once a day, or two or three times a week.

To take the place of soap, a lotion made up of tragacanth, glycerin, boric acid and water, suggested by Prof. W. A. Pusey, is sometimes used, a teaspoonful of tragacanth, two ounces of glycerin, three teaspoonfuls of boric acid to one pint of water. This is applied freely to the skin and then wiped off.

The thought, then, is to try to prevent chapping by following these suggestions.

(a) Dry the skin thoroughly after washing, especially if going out into cold or windy weather.

(b) Don't wash the skin in very cold or very hot water.

(c) Avoid strong alkaline soaps.

(d) Apply fat to the skin from time to time.

CANADA AND ENGLAND READ ABOUT ISLAND

A recent issue of Canada's Weekly, published in London, contains an interesting and well-illustrated article, entitled "The Blazed Trails of Vancouver Island." It is written by Frank Giolma.

This month's issue of Hunting and Fishing in Canada carries an exciting story on "Cougars and Cougar Stalking" on the Island. Besides containing several recounts of cougar daring, the article gives some idea of the habits of the big cats.

CAMPAIGN FOR UNIVERSITY

NOTTINGHAM, England (C.—Efforts to obtain university status for Nottingham University are being made. A supplementary charter is to go to the Privy Council and an appeal for one million dollars has been launched.

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NO. 14—SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1936

MAROONS AND BOSTON GAIN CLOSE ICE VICTORIES

Victoria United Blanks St. Andrews in Inter-City Football Match by 3-0 Score

Turns in Clever Performance in Gaining Victory

John Watt Nets Pair of Goals and Noel Morgan Gets the Other as Locals Defeat Visiting Mainland Eleven—Victoria Displays Fine Teamwork—Many Watch Smart Exhibition

Displaying smart form in every department of the game, Victoria United, appearing in their first inter-city match of the season, combined their way to a sensational victory over St. Andrews, of the Vancouver and District Football League, yesterday afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park by a 3-0 score. About 1,100 fans watched the holiday fixture and were certainly treated to a real fast exhibition, with the locals dominating most of the play. The Scots put up a great battle, but were outplayed and outsmarted by a better soccer machine throughout the ninety minutes.

Not a weak link was noticed in the Victoria line-up. De Costa turned in a clever performance in the local goal and received great support from his fullbacks, Leggett and Easler, while the intermediate line of Lorandini, Glen Robbins and Ronnie Williams were as steady as a rock, both on the offensive and defensive. Robbins played spectacularly from the opening whistle and turned in one of his best games this year. The Victoria front line worked together in fine style and were a continuous source of worry to the Scots' back division. However, St. Andrews were always dangerous, especially on breakaways. Watson, visiting goalie, saved his team times without number with brilliant saves of all varieties.

SCOTS ON ATTACK

Attacking from the start, the Scots kept the ball in the local area during the first five minutes and De Costa made two fine stops from the right wing. The Mainlanders were pressing hard and combining nicely, but they found a stubborn defence to penetrate. The goal Watson was guarding was inches deep in mud and the Victoria forwards were finding it hard to control their shots and to hold their feet. Bell got in a fine rising shot, but Laurie cleared, with the goalie out of position. Right after, Payne crossed to the goalmouth, but Bell's attempt to score was luckily blocked. In another dangerous raid, Payne's header was put behind for a corner, which was sent behind by Bell.

DE COSTA STARS

Sammy Easler gave away a corner in breaking up a fast rush, but Robb wasted the kick. De Costa saved a hard drive from Page and Webber was called up for rushing the goalie on the play. Williams was caught fouling White and McNeil sent in a lovely shot to the goalmouth, but De Costa saved brilliantly and during another quick attack Easler saved the situation by heading clear with De Costa out of his net. Victoria continued on the offensive during the next few minutes and were unfortunate in not scoring, as they stormed around the Vancouver goal.

John Watt scored the opening goal when he broke through and picked the nearest corner with a fast, rising shot, which Watson missed by inches. After this marker, Alcock replaced McNeil on the Vancouver halfline. Morgan had tough luck when his drive hit the framework and bounded down in front of the net. Many persons thought the ball had crossed the line, but not Referee Robb. Vancouver went away on another attack, but De Costa left his goal to clear as two forwards raced in for the ball. Robb retrieved the ball, but his attempt was blocked by Robbins. On the next Victoria offensive Stewart slipped the ball to Payne, whose shot was blocked by Watson and the whistle sounded for the interval minutes later.

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Victoria pressed hard as the final half started and had the Scots fighting hard on the defence. The local front line was combining beautifully, but Watson was unbeatable in the visitors' net. Victoria forced two corners, but both were cleared, and then at the other end Bregani crashed a hard first-timer, which De Costa saved brilliantly. Robbins repulsed another St. Andrews' rush by himself and he received a big hand from the crowd. Following another Vancouver raid the Victoria forwards were sent away on a fast attack and Noel Morgan scored on a play in which Watt and Stewart figured prominently. The game was held up a few minutes later when Arnott was accidentally kicked in the head.

Still pressing, Watt made a fine opening for Morgan, but the local inside man's shot was blocked by Watson. Robb broke through the Victoria defence, but De Costa went to his knees to save and then Arnott was hurt again and left the field, leaving the Scots with ten players. As play continued Payne narrowly missed with a long drive and then Watt bounced a shot off one of the Vancouver backs for another flag kick. Bell and Laurie nearly came to blows as Victoria swept in towards the Vancouver net, but they were soon separated. Watson made two great diving saves during the next few minutes.

JOHN WATT SCORES

Victoria broke away from midfield with John Watt in possession and he went right in to score with Watson at his mercy. St. Andrews claimed an offside, but their pleadings were in vain. Alcock was put off for talking back to the referee. The Scots put up a stubborn battle for the remaining minutes and never gave up trying to close the gap. Just before the end De Costa made two smart saves.

Robb refereed and teams follow:

Victoria United—De Costa, Easler, Leggett, Lorandini, G. Robbins, Williams, Bell, Stewart, Watt, Morgan and Payne.

St. Andrews — Watson, Arnott, Laurie, McNeil, Camp, Craig, Page, White, Webber, Bregani, Robb and Alcock.

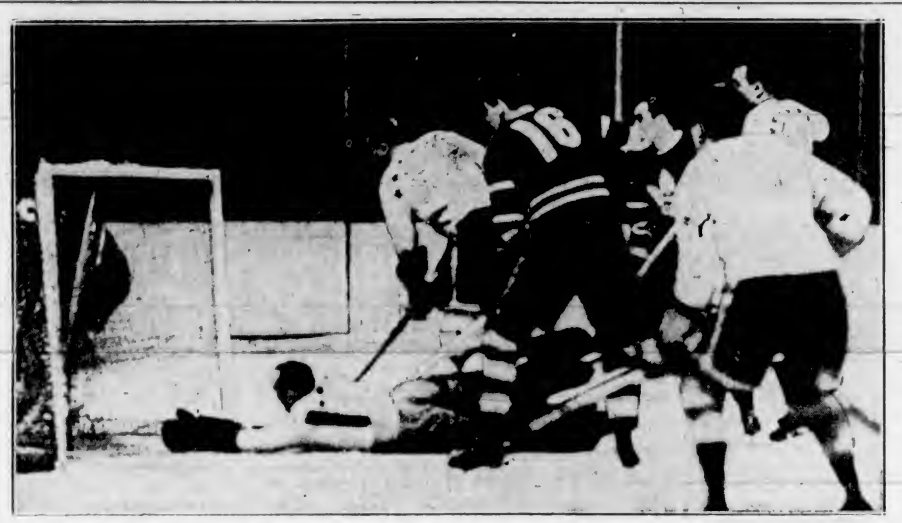
ELKS CAPTURE PLAY-OFF GAME

Fitzsimmons and Edwards Score Cue Victories Against Pro Patria

With Percy Fitzsimmons and Evan Edwards scoring hard-fought victories over Sam Oakes and H. Hobbs, respectively, the Elks Club captured the play-off match from the Pro Patria cuelsts. The match was for the first half championship of the "A" Division in the City Billiards League and was played at the Tillicum Club.

Fitzsimmons played winning billiards against Oakes. The Elks Club member got out in front by some thirty odd points and held it most of the time, despite a determined rally by the veteran Oakes. Hobbs put up a great battle against Edwards and had tough luck on some of his shots. Fitzsimmons won from Oakes by a 250-225 score and Edwards nosed out Hobbs, 250-243.

Apps Scores for Toronto With Worters Down



After a bad scoring slump, the Toronto Maple Leafs came to life to trounce New York Americans by a score of 5-1. The Amerks, a dangerous team when in scoring stride, were completely outclassed by the aroused Leafs. Here we see an action picture of the game, as the Leafs nicked the twine for their first counter. Syl Apps, No. 16, Toronto centreman, scored the goal on diminutive Roy Worters, No. 1, as the goalie slipped to the ice attempting to make the save. Harvey "Busher" Jackson, Toronto winger, also came out of his long scoring slump to bang the rubber into the nets twice, and also collected an assist. The game was played in New York.

Royals Defeated By San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (CP).—A picked team from the San Francisco Soccer League defeated the visiting New Westminster Royals, from British Columbia, on Ewing Field, 1 to 0, before a sizeable holiday crowd.

Tommy Roberts, outside right, crossed to the left side of the field to take a pass from Ruiz and make the only score five minutes before half time.

The Royals go from here to Los Angeles for two games. They will play the San Francisco All-Stars again Sunday, January 3.

IRISH FOOTBALL

BELFAST, Dec. 26 (CP).—Results of games played in the Irish Football League today follow:

Derry City 3, Ards 1.
Belfast Celtic 5, Coleraine 0
Larne 0, Linfield 3.
Portadown 0, Newry Town 0.
Distillery 1, Glentoran 0.
Bangor 2, Ballymena 0.
Cliftonville 3, Glenavon 0.

Golf Proves Popular in United States in 1936

Game Is Definitely on Way Back Is Decision Reached by Lawson Little After Surveying the Various Tournaments Held in Country

By LAWSON LITTLE

That golf is definitely on the way back was clearly demonstrated during the year that is now drawing to a close. For instance, there were more rounds played, more records broken, more entries in the National Amateur championship and a greater interest shown in the National Open. The performance in this country of Pam Barton and Jock McLean, two British stars, showed that British golf is making a strong comeback and might challenge our golf supremacy within the next few years.

The real golfing season in 1936 started in March at Pinehurst, the St. Andrews of American golf in the North and South Open championship. Henry Picard won this event after a hectic play-off against Ray Mangrum over the beautifully remodeled No. 2 course.

Next came the famed master's tournament at the Augusta National. This tournament has the distinction of bringing Bobby Jones out of his voluntary golfing seclusion once a year. It was the day before that your writer retired from amateur competition to join Bobby Jones in a world-wide programme to foster the interests of golf.

The tournament is beginning to have the reputation of being the Horton Smith endowment, for this was the second time in three starts that Mrs. Smith's boy Horton has finished on top.

OPEN RECORD BROKEN

Harry Cooper put four great rounds together in the National Open at Baltusrol to break the twenty-year-old-record of 286 set by Chick Evans by two strokes, with 284. Before the wires had cooled from flashing this new record to the world, Smiling Tony Manero, of Greensborough, S.C., blazed his way into the eighteenth cup in 67 to make a new record of 282 for the tournament.

The next major competition was the International Walker Cup team matches. Pine Valley was the host for the two teams that meet biennially, but the course treated our visitors a little roughly and the United States won the competition by a score of 9 to 0. The Britishers were soon to get revenge, however.

The schedule of major championships takes us now to Toronto for the Canadian Open championship. Your writer enjoyed a mild form of insanity, and woke up the next day to discover that he had, with the aid of a dream touch on the greens, finished the winner by eight strokes with rounds of 67, 66, 69 and 69 for 271, an all-time (to date) record for national competition.

The Amateur Championship at Garden City, Long Island, followed. After the smoke and fire of the first few days subsided, it looked as though the winner would be either Johnny Fischer or Johnny Goodman. But Fischer defeated Goodman in the semi-finals during the hurricane that swept along the coast of the Middle Atlantic States.

McLEAN SURPRISE FINALIST

All this time and more or less unobserved, Jock McLean, Scotch Walker Cupper, was advancing steadily. He won his place in the finals by defeating George Voigt.

Poor golf, under ideal conditions, followed the next day in the finals. With but three holes to go, the Scot was one up. A stymie came to Fischer's rescue and the hole was halved in fives, one over par. They both chipped dead to the pin for birdie fours on the long, difficult thirty-fifth hole, McLean retaining his lead.

The thirty-sixth is about a five iron. McLean hit a beauty straight toward the flag—but it hit a downslope just in front of the pin and rolled about twenty-five feet beyond. Fischer had to make a two. He placed his tee shot about fifteen feet from the hole. The Scotch challenger rightfully putted dead, putting the pressure on Fischer. With a magnificent stroke, the Cincinnati player put the ball into the hole and went on to win the first extra hole and title with another birdie.

McLean got a little revenge for the defeat of the Walker Cup team by putting out seven players in the amateur before he was stopped by Fischer. But it remained for a young lady to really turn the trick. Pam Barton, of England, was the only British entry in our women's championship, and she was enough. She marched through the field of our best American players and looked to be the winner from the start. In the final she played great golf and defeated Maureen Orcutt Crews, 4 and 2.

The Professional Golfers' Association championship closed the 1936 major tournament schedule. Held at Pinehurst, the long course seemed to cater to long hitting. Jimmy Thomson marched to the final with the aid of his powerful hitting, but despite his best efforts Denny Shute put together two wood shots and a putt for an eagle three on the par five thirty-fourth hole to win the title.

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North Shore in One-Sided Win Over Nanaimo XI

NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—Playing a far more aggressive game North Shore Red Shirts won from Nanaimo City here today, 6-2, on a muddy field which made good football impossible. Nanaimo scored first through Forresters drive, but Spencer equalized half a minute later and McManus put North Shore in the lead just before half time. Christie made it 3-1 early in the second half and was followed by Robinson, who scored Shores first goal. Christie repeated five minutes later and the visitors led, 5-1. Nanaimo's second goal was the result of a penalty kick taken by Grey. McManus registered the sixth and last goal of the day just before full time. Six hundred watched the play, which was refereed by Matthew Gunnis.

MONTREALERS BEAT AMERKS, 4-3; LEAFS LOSE TO BRUINS, 2-1

Stew Evans' Overtime Goal Gives Tommy Gorman's Team Decision Over New York Squad —Rough Second Period Witnessed—Toronto Drops Verdict on Home Ice

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 (CP).—A goal by Stew Evans in the last minute of overtime play gave the Montreal Maroons a 4-3 victory over the New York Americans before a crowd of 5,500 tonight and moved them up a notch in the National Hockey League standing.

The triumph again sent the Maroons into a three-way deadlock with the Amerks and the Toronto Maple Leafs for second place in the international division.

Line-Ups

Americans	Position	Maroons
Worters	Goal	Connell
Shields	Defence	Wentworth
Murray	Defence	Carson
Lamb	Centre	Voss
Carr	Wing	Ward
Schriner	Wing	Northcott

New York Spares—Doran, Emms, Cotton, Oliver, Wiseman, Anderson, Stewart, Klein.

Montreal Spares—Evans, Radley, Trottier, Marker, Cain, Gracie, Blinco, Robinson, Runge.

Officials—Bill Stewart and Mitchell.

Summary

First Period—1, Montreal, Ward, 9:55; 2, Montreal, Gracie (Cain, Radley), 13:15.

Second Period—3, New York, Carr, 14:59; 4, New York, Carr (Schriner, Anderson), 16:58. Penalties: Stewart (major), Wentworth (major), Cotton (ten minutes, misconduct), Marker (ten minutes, misconduct), Evans.

Third Period—5, New York, Wiseman, 5:34; 6, Montreal, Trottier (Runge, Ward), 19:07. Penalty: Evans.

Overtime Period — 7, Montreal, Evans, 9:13. Penalties: Carson, Shiles.

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (CP).—Ray Getliffe, rookie winger, led the Boston Bruins to a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs tonight before a holiday crowd of 14,545. The victory, reversing last Tuesday's decision, left the Bruins only two points behind the Detroit Red Wings, American division leaders in the National Hockey League. The Leafs remained tied for second place in the International section with the New York Americans and Montreal Maroons.

Line-Ups

Boston	Position	Toronto
Thompson	Goal	Broda
Shore	Defence	Day
Portland	Defence	Hamilton
Cowley	Centre	Thoms
Getliffe	Wing	Jarvis
Sands	Wing	Finnigan

Boston Spares: Hollett, Jerwa, Smith, Beattie, Clapper, Weiland, Cook, Goldsworthy, Schmidt.

Toronto Spares: Apps, Jackson, Drillon, Kelly, Metz, Shill, Davidson, Fowler.

Officials: Mickey Ion and Clarence Campbell.

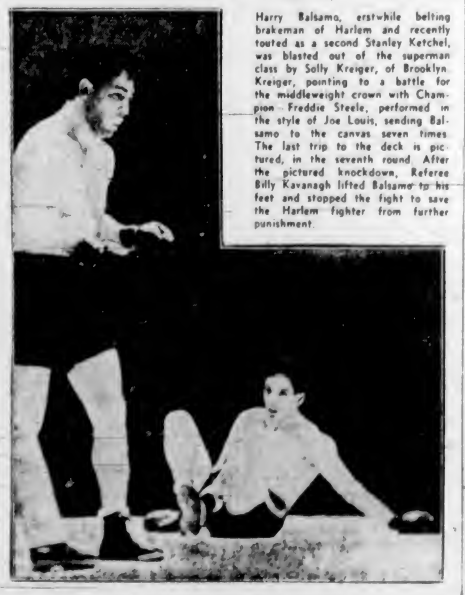
Summary

First Period—1, Toronto, Thoms (Day), 1:35. Penalties, none.

Second Period—2, Boston, Goldsworthy (Hollett), 14:07. Penalties, Apps, Shill, Portland.

Third Period—3, Boston, Getliffe, 15:21. Penalties, Cook.

Balsamo Blasted by Kreiger



Harry Balsamo, erstwhile belting brakeman of Harlem and recently touted as a second Stanley Ketchel, was blasted out of the superman class by Sally Kreiger, of Brooklyn. Kreiger, pointing to a battle for the middleweight crown with Champion Freddie Steele, performed in the style of Joe Louis, sending Balsamo to the canvas seven times. The last trip to the deck is pictured, in the seventh round. After the pictured knockdown, Referee Billy Kavanagh lifted Balsamo to his feet and stopped the fight to save the Harlem fighter from further punishment.

SKIING WILL HAVE GREAT 1937 SEASON

Winter Sport Will Be Taken Up by Thousands Next Year, States Report

By ROBERT D. FORSTER

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (CP).—A hundred thousand Canadians are scooting down the hillsides—or learning to scoot—on skis. A mere handful of them are doing it "by the book," which is as good a reason as any why Canada failed to win points at the 1936 Winter Olympic games at Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Canadian skiing, as it heads into 1937, provides every indication of enjoying its greatest season, not alone numerically, but through a definite trend which is swaying the sport. The idea has been simply "get out and ski," but the 1937 mode will decree "learn to ski."

While Canadian Olympians figured as "also rans" in the Bavarian Alps last Winter, failing to appear in the scoring summaries, the benefits of their trip to Garmisch-Partenkirchen are beginning to unfold. Outclassed in competition, they showed powers of absorption, however, and now they are back in Canada preaching a gospel of European technique.

SKI SCHOOL

Bud Clark, of Ottawa, after viewing the methods of overseas ski classes, has established a ski school house in the Gatineau Hills near the capital. Dr W. L. Ball, another Olympian, is coach at McGill University, assisted by Henry Pangman. McGill's skiers, and many others, are learning European wrinkles by lecture and practice.

Karl Baadsvik, noted jumper and all-round skier, is in Toronto, and has volunteered his aid in that district. They all bring out the glaring truth, an issue somewhat neglected in the past. Canada must educate its skiers and not let them stumble along, learning by natural instincts.

"We are not so far behind in jumping and cross-country, educationally," said Pangman, manager of the Olympic team, "for we hold the fundamental thoughts back of both, it is in slalom and downhill where we lag far behind the Europeans."

Pangman and Ball have already given instructions in non-skid turns for slalom and downhill, a technique difficult to master, but one which will be vitally important in cutting down racing times, as the turns are taken with a minimum slackening of speed.

BIG MEET SET

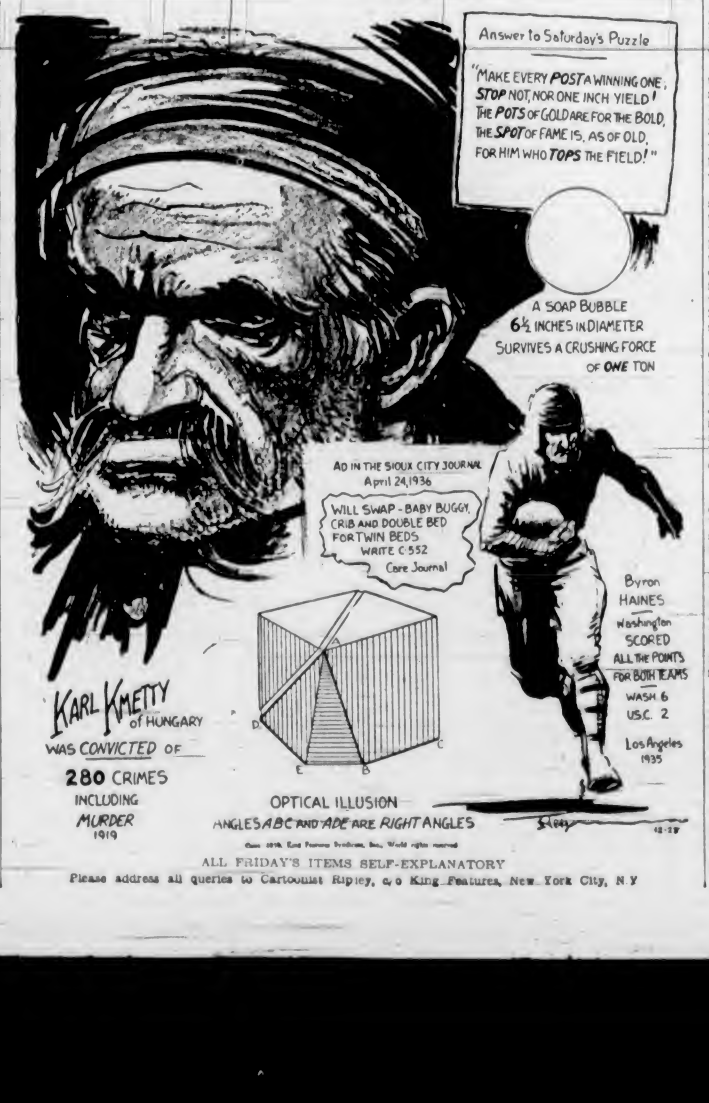
In sending the national championships to Banff, Alta., in March, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association is doing much to raise ski-consciousness in this country, and point out the opportunities which the Rockies present. The meet will reveal Alpine conditions close at hand.

Ski "tows," a means of being propelled uphill without physical effort, are making their appearance in various centres this year and will possibly mean more to the sport than you migh expect. They will enable skiers with limited time to increase the number of slides, and through greater practice acquire turning technique more rapidly.

Ted Colgate Gets 'Dodo' at Colwood

Ted Colgate celebrated Christmas Day in great fashion. Out at the Colwood course Ted dropped his tee shot at the 157-yard fourth hole while playing in a friendly five-ball match. The ball found the cup in flight and Colgate performed the trick with a high No. 5 iron shot. He was playing with Harold Nisband Ken Lawson, Doug Gordon and Tom Miller, of Vancouver.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT - - - - - - By Ripley



ALL FRIDAY'S ITEMS SELF-EXPLANATORY

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SCHMELING RANKED FIRST AMONG HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ring Magazine Places German On Top of List

Maxie's Great Victory Over Louis Gains Him High Honor for Year—Louis Given Second Place And Champion Braddock Is Third—Battaglia Is Placed Sixth in Middleweights

By HERBERT BARKER
Associated Press Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP). — The Ring, boxing publication, nominated Max Schmeling as the world's No. 1 fighter today in announcing its annual rankings for 1936. Ignoring the fact the heavyweight championship still is held by Jimmy Braddock, the magazine ranked Schmeling No. 1 among the heavyweights and pointed to his spectacular twelve-round knockout of Joe Louis as the outstanding pugilistic achievement of the year.

Max Schmeling

Braddock was not even given the No. 2 spot. Pointing out that the rankings were based, for the most part, on what the boxers accomplished during the year and that the champion was idle, Braddock was ranked No. 3 behind Schmeling and Louis.

Louis, who ranked No. 1 in The Ring's selections a year ago, was given the call over Braddock because of the knockout victories the negro scored over Al Ettore, Jack Sharkey, Jorge Brescia and Eddie Simms after his astonishing setback at Schmeling's hands.

OTHER RANKINGS

Otherwise, the magazine generally strung along the recognized champions in making its No. 1 selections in the other divisions: Johnny Henry Lewis, the Phoenix, Ariz., negro, was rated at the top among light-heavyweights; Freddie Steele, Tacoma, Wash., puncher, among middleweights; Barney Ross, of Chicago, among welterweights; Lou Ambers, of Herkimer, N.Y., among lightweights; Petey Sarron, of Birmingham, Ala., among featherweights, and Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, among bantamweights.

In the flyweight class, however, The Ring picked Benny Lynch, of Scotland, at the top in preference to Small Montana, of the Philippines, who holds National Boxing Association recognition as world title-holder.

One of the surprises was the high rating accorded Gunnar Barlund, Finnish heavyweight. This youngster, with only a few professional appearances behind him, was ranked No. 4, trailing only Schmeling, Louis and Braddock. Al McCoy, claiming birth in Beauce County, Quebec, was ranked sixth in group four.

Lewis, who went abroad to defend his 175-pound title against Len Harvey at London, was ranked all by himself in group one of the light heavyweights. Al Gainer, of New Haven, Conn.; Leo Kelley, rising young San Franciscan, and Jock McAvoy, of England, were rated in that order in group two.

Steele, who won the United States middleweight championship by beating Babe Risko, likewise was picked as outstanding in the 160-pound division. Marcel Thil, of France, whose championship claims have been seriously weakened by his inactivity, was rated at the head of the No. 2 group, with Fred Apostoli, of San Francisco, and Teddy Yarosz, former United States titleholder, just back of him.

Winnipeg's Frankie Battaglio received sixth ranking in group three in the middleweight division.

Barney Ross' leadership of the welterweight group was unchallenged with Jack Carroll, of Australia; Jimmy McLarnin, of Vancouver, and Ceferino Garcia, of Los Angeles, rated closest.

AMBERS FIRST

In the lightweight division, however, The Ring could see no standout. Ambers, the champion, was ranked No. 1, but in the same group with him were rated Pedro Montanez, of Puerto Rico; Tony Canzoneri, Enrico Venturi, Laurie Stevens, the South African, and Eddie Cool.

Sarron, N.B.A. featherweight king, was given the call by a close margin over three other 126-pounders — Henry Armstrong, of Los Angeles; Mike Belloise, recognized as featherweight king by the New York State Athletic Commission, and Freddy Miller, former champion from Cincinnati.

Escobar and Harry Jeffra, the Baltimore puncher who holds two decisions over the champion in over-weight bouts, were ranked one-two in the bantamweight class just as Lynch and Montana were among the flyweights. Frankie Martin, of Montreal, led group two in the bantam class immediately behind Jeffra.

PAPENIE IS HOME FIRST IN HANDICAP

Juvenile Outsider Scores Surprise Victory in $3,500 Purse Event

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP).—Thirty-five thousand turf fans turned out today for the second day of the 1936-37 Santa Anita racing meeting and saw Papenie, a juvenile outsider, capture the featured six-furlong $3,500 Santa Anita Handicap. The time was 1:12 4 on a heavy track.

R. de Laval's speedster moved to the front in the last fifty yards of the six-furlong event for two-year-olds and beat out Mil Shields' Half Time. Grey Count was third and Mr. Blaze fourth.

Papenie paid $9, $4 and $3. The price would have been higher but the Laval entry was in a field that included Brown Jale, a California-bred favorite, which served to hold the price down. Half Time paid $4 and $3.20, and Grey Count $6.60.

The victory was worth $3,575 added money to Laval.

FIRST RACE—Mile and one-quarter
War Letter (Longden) $7.40 $4.80 $3.60
Murphious (H. Neal) 5.40 4.40
Edgar Boy (Noves) 6.00
Time, 2:12 1-5. Also ran: Mt. Hood, White Collar, Topsy Omar, Artful Shot, Homer L., Terry Hill, Run Rose, Criticize, Distortion.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs
Little Son (Roberts) $18.40 $9.80 $4.80
Purden (Coffman) 8.00 4.40
Bert Reid (Rosenwinkel) 3.00
Time, 1:14 1-5. Also ran: Block Mine, Georgia Miss, Master Buck, Le Mesirable, Meratorium, Motherham, Cold Clasp, Olynia, Misleria.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs
Brown Prodigy (Doller) 139.20 $13.00 $5.80
Latch String (Rainey) 8.20 3.40
Bakerstown (Peters) 2.40
Time, 1:14 2-5. Also ran: Duchesne, Crystal Sheik, Snappie, Smart Girl, Double Trouble, Putsen, Recaina, Baseballoctar.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs
Lloyd Pan (Haas) $11.20 $4.00 $2.20
Pompa (Young) 5.60 4.00
House Loan (Longden) 2.80
Time, 1:14 2-5. Also ran: Sir Ridgway, Davidor, Calaveras, Lois Pan, Campillo.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs
King Saxon (Rainey) $6.20 $3.80 $3.00
Party Spirit (Leishman) 3.60 2.80
Barada (Saunders) 2.80
Time, 1:12 3-5. Also ran: Gallaclay, Miss Merrimant.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs
Papenie (Haas) $9.00 $4.00 $3.00
Half Time (Tucker) 4.00 3.20
Grey Count (Corbett) 6.60
Time, 1:13 4-5. Also ran: Cross A., Brown Jade, Ptolemy, Mr. Blaze, Pasha, Clingendael, Camiando, Sir Oracle, Robert L., Minaret Show, Marrymaker, Eagle Pass.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile
Slapjad (Robertson) $6.40 $4.40 $3.20
As You Were (James) 6.40 4.20
Velocitar (Gray) 8.20
Time, 1:40 3-5. Also ran: Fanfare, Pompeys Squaw, McCarthy, South Gallant, Arsen.

EIGHTH RACE—Mile and one-eighth:
*Redneck (Robertson) ..$10.40 $13.20 $10.00
*Mardromal (Dauron) .. 6.00 6.20 5.20
Fair Cynthia (Doller) 14.00
*Dead heat. Time, 1:58 3-5. Also ran: Fair Lay, Inferno Lad, Beadwork, Bolo Mile, Old Judge, Mad Prump, Translucent, Interpreter.

Skating Champions Give Fine Display

This internationally famous ice-skating couple, Maribal Vinson, of Boston, and Guy Owen, of Ottawa, thrilled members of St. Moritz Skating Club and their guests at Oakland Ice Rink, California. Owen and Miss Vinson are seen here whirling through their dance. Owen is Canadian national amateur champion and a member of Minto Figure Skating Club of Ottawa. Miss Vinson is senior amateur champion of United States.

Remember When

(Twenty-Five Years Ago)

Hugh Lehman, the Berlin hockey goalkeeper who is to manage the New Westminster club in the Coast League, has arrived in Vancouver. Lehman is to get $1,800 for his services during the season, it is understood. If anyone can make a success of a club, it is Lehman, who is one of the really bright fellows in the professional ranks.

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At last it is unofficially announced that Joe Bayley is going to meet Billy Lauder for the lightweight title of Western Canada. The bout is to take place on January 19, at Edmonton. The articles of agreement are not known as yet, but the battle will go at least fifteen or twenty rounds.

Billy Griffin, who claims the lightweight championship of Australia, was trying to meet Bayley, Potts or Lauder, but as police regulations allow but one fight a month in Edmonton, negotiations were stopped owing to the Bayley-Lauder fight, which was arranged previously. A Griffin-Potts go, however, will be staged possibly next month in some other city over a fifteen round route. Griffin expects to defeat all three fighters in Edmonton, and that done, he will go directly East to meet Billy Allen for the Flanagan belt. Griffin has great aspirations, but the going may not be so much on the velvet as it looks to the plucky Australian. Win or lose, however, he declares that he will go after Billy Allen.

HUBBELL AND "DIZZY" DEAN TOP PITCHERS

Have Best Records During Year in National League —Van Mungo Well Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Individual pitching honors in the National League for 1936 went to Southpaw Carl Hubbell, of the New York Giants, and Dizzy Dean, of the St. Louis Cardinals, while the laurel for group performance was captured by the Chicago Cubs' mound staff.

The release of the official figures today merely confirmed the knowledge of baseballdom that the annual twirling prize for the lowest earned run average went to "King Carl." With a record of only 2.61 earned runs per nine-inning game, Carl won this distinction for the third time in his career.

His honors didn't stop there. He scored twenty-eight victories against six defeats and thus became the seventh pitcher in twenty-four years to top the loop in both earned run average and won and lost percentage. Hubbell wound up the season with an unfinished streak of sixteen consecutive wins.

IN MOST GAMES

"Old Dix," working in fifty-one games for a total of 315 innings, saw more duty than any other moundman. He posted an earned run average of 3.171, not far behind Hubbell. He pitched twenty-eight complete games to lead the league and shade Hubbell by three games. But Dean's twenty-four won and thirteen lost was good for a percentage of only .649, as compared with Hubbell's .813.

Van Lingle Mungo, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, won strikeout honors with 238 batters going down, but he also issued the most walks, 118, and threw ten wild pitches to finish one behind "Wild Bill" Hallahan, of the Cincinnati Reds.

Bucky Walter, the Phillies, converted third baseman, was one of seven who pitched four shutouts during the season, but he also suffered more setbacks than any other twirlers, twenty-one losses.

Other honors went to Pittsburgh's Red Lucas for allowing the fewest hits, 178, and the fewest passes, thirty-six; big Jim Weaver, of the Pirates, with only one-hit batsman, and Lucas and French for throwing only one wild pitch.

Eleven Members Of U.S. Olympic Team Competing

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (AP).—Eleven members of the United States' 1936 Olympic team will join other track and field stars in inaugurating the Sugar Bowl's greatest week of sports tomorrow. The eight events at Loyola Stadium begin at 2 p.m. (Central standard time).

Thereafter will follow during the week of carnival, tennis, boxing, basketball, rowing, regatta and other events, which lead to the third annual football game New Year's Day in Tulane Stadium between Louisiana State University and Santa Clara, of California.

CRICKET MATCH IS RAINED OUT

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Dec. 26 (AP).—Rain prevented play today between the touring Marylebone Cricket Club team and a New South Wales eleven, who were scheduled to start a two-day match.

Rugby Fixtures In Old Country

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—English Rugby Union games played today resulted as follows:

Harlequins 6, Richmond 0.
Aberavon 7, Cross Keys 0.
Bath 8, Old Blues 0.
Bristol 4, Pontypool 3.
Bridgend 11, Maestag 3.
Cardiff 32, Glasgow High School 7.
Devonport Services 16, Plymouth Albion 4.
Gloucester 13, Old Merchant Taylors 6.
Leicester 0, Birkenhead Park 8.
Llanelly 13, London Welsh 9.
Newport 10, Watsonians 10.
Northampton 22, London Irish 3.
Neath 13, Abertillery 3.
Swansea 11, Universities Athletic Union 6.
Waterloo 19, Coventry 16.
Glasgow Academicals 5, Gala 3.
West of Scotland 5, London Scottish 34.
Blackheath 11, Dr. Hughes' Fifteen 0.

GOLDEN EYE WINS SANTA ANITA RACE

SANTA ANITA PARK, LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP).—Golden Eye, A. P. Baroni's chestnut gelding, won the $5,000 Christmas Stakes, one mile feature race of Santa Anita's opening programme of the 1936-37 season.

Sangreal, of the Milky Way Farms, was second, and Ariel Cross, owned by Harry Hatch, of Toronto, was third.

Baroni's Top Row won the Christmas Stakes last year. Golden Eye ran the mile over a heavy track in 1:04.3 and paid $18 to win, $8 to place and $4.80 to show. Sangreal paid $12 and $6.20 and Ariel Cross $4.60.

Special Agent, from the Vancouver barn of A. C. Taylor, favorite in the field of twelve, fell back at the far turn and did not finish in the money.

SCOTT'S SCRAPBOOK - - - - By R. J. Scott

Wednesday League Selects Team for Second Cup Match

FOLLOWING the trial match, held yesterday morning, officials of the Wednesday Football League selected the all-star squad which will oppose Victoria's "rep" eleven from the Saturday League in the second game of the Anscomb Cup series New Year's Day at the Athletic Park at 2:30. Charlie Lewis has been named manager of the mid-week squad, and Baker, of Spencers, will be the trainer. Here's the line-up: Stewartson (Spencers), goal; Evans and Worswick (Garrison), fullbacks; Magee (Longshoremen), Kennedy (Hudson's Bay), and Preston (Hudson's Bay), halves; Brown (Hudson's Bay), Bissell (Spencers), Cockrill (Navy), Chapman (Spencers), and Collins (Spencers), forwards. Substitutes are: Holness (Longshoremen), O'Connell (Hudson's Bay), Cann (Spencers), Thomson (Garrison), L. Bradley (Spencers), and Coldwell (Garrison).

BEAUDIN WILL FIGHT MILLER

Up-Islander and Edmonton Boy Rematched on New Year's Day Card

Shifty, clever "Fenchy" Beaudin, former Edmonton boxer, and Harry Miller, Alberni glove-thrower with a fighting heart, were yesterday rematched for the semi-windup to the Billy Townsend-"Dusty" Jones tenround bout at the Tillicum gymnasium on New Year's Day.

Beaudin and Miller swapped punches in the special event of the last card and the interesting mix was called a draw. Quite a number of the ringsiders figured the former Albertan was entitled to the call, but there were many staunch supporters of the game Up-Islander who thought he earned the draw decision. In the return bout they will step six rounds instead of four.

TO START TRAINING

"Dusty" Jones will resume serious training tomorrow evening at the Tillicum gymnasium, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The colored Seattle boy will train nightly at the same hour and the fans are invited to attend the working sessions.

In his first bout with the Vancouverite, Jones stayed behind his padded mitts most of the evening and made his opponent do all of the fighting. This time the Seattle negro intends to come out in the open and really trade punches with Townsend. If Jones does this, it is going to be a good scrap while it lasts and the chances are good for a knockout.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Canadian Section

	W	L	D	Goals F	A	P
Canadiens	9	6	2	61	40	20
Toronto	7	8	1	45	41	15
Maroons	5	7	3	34	39	13
Aggies	5	8	2	39	64	12

American Section

	W	L	D	Goals F	A	P
Detroit	8	4	4	37	30	20
Rangers	8	5	3	41	31	19
Boston	8	6	2	42	41	18
Chicago	2	8	6	18	29	10

COAST LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Goals F	A	P
Portland	9	4	1	2	32	21	10
Vancouver	8	3	3	2	40	30	8
Seattle	8	3	1	4	36	46	10
Oakland	9	7	4	2	32	24	10

Four Teams Tied For Leadership In English Loop

Arsenal, Sunderland, Brentford and Charlton Athletic Share Top Place in First Division Race— Large Crowds Witness Holiday Matches— Dix Scores Three Goals for Aston Villa

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP). — Boxing Day soccer resulted in the English Football League championship race developing into a stern tussle. Arsenal, Sunderland, Brentford and Charlton Athletic went into a tie for the leadership, and as the teams prepare for the third game of the holiday schedule tomorrow, only three points divide the first ten clubs.

Nearly 1,750,000 spectators attended matches Christmas Day and today, with 970,000 present at the Boxing Day contests in the four divisions of the league. The biggest crowd in the country saw Everton and Arsenal draw, 1-1, on the former's ground.

Ronald Dix, Aston Villa forward, was the outstanding star Saturday. Netting three of the goals in his team's 4-0 victory over Swansea Town at Villa Park. Injuries took a heavy toll in Christmas matches, and many teams were forced to change their line-ups for the second game of the series.

The gates at Everton were closed some time before the match with the Gunners was scheduled to start, and the ground was packed to capacity. Arsenal's goal had a narrow escape in the first few minutes, the goalkeeper dropping the ball as Dixie Dean strove to get it into the net. The defence eventually cleared its lines. Gillick, Everton's crack Scottish winger, put the home team one up, but Kirchen equalized just before the interval. There was no scoring in the second half.

CHARLTON TRIUMPHS

A goal by Pearce gave Charlton victory over Grimsby Town at the valley. The home team had the better of the exchanges throughout but should have been two up at the interval, Stephenson failing to convert a penalty.

Sunderland took maximum points against Sheffield Wednesday, winning a close game at Roker Park, 2-1. Brentford's 2-2 draw at Bolton netted a point that kept the Londoners level with the leaders.

In Second Division play, Blackpool has a four-point lead over Plymouth Argyle and Bury, tied for the runner-up position with twenty-nine points. Blackpool swamped the strong Leicester City squad 6-2 but Plymouth, although playing at home, went under 3-0 to Fulham.

Blackburn Rovers suffered its second straight defeat when Bury won 3-2 at Blackburn yesterday. The Rovers, demoted from the First Division with Aston Villa at the end of last season, held a 1-0 lead over their Lancashire rivals at the interval. After the change of ends the Rovers scored again but their opponents assumed command towards the end and ran in three goals. Each team had a player ordered from the field for rough play.

EASY DECISIONS

Brighton moved into the leading berth in the Third Division, Southern Section getting a 4-0 decision from Gillingham while Luton Town was beaten 3-0 at Southend.

Cardiff City and Walsall played to a 2-2 draw before 35,000 spectators on the City's grund at Ninian Park. Walsall proved the more dangerous side at the start and Evans tallied after seven minutes. Walton put the teams on level terms thirty minutes later. In the final period Cardiff stormed around the Walsall goal, but could not score. Cunningham put Walsall ahead in a raid at the other end but Melaniphy later knotted the count.

Chester retained its lead in the Northern Section with a fine 2-1 victory at Wrexham where 25,000 persons saw the tussle. The visiting team led 1-0 at the halfway mark through Wrightson. Burgon equalized from a scramble in front of the goal soon after the teams crossed over and Saunders put Chester on top in the last minute.

FIRST DIVISION

Bolton Wanderers 2, Brentford 2.
Charlton Athletic 1, Grimsby Town 0.
Chelsea 2, Leeds United 1.
Derby County 1, West Bromwich Albion 0.
Everton 1, Arsenal 1.
Huddersfield Town 4, Preston North End 2.
Manchester City 2, Middlesbrough 1.
Portsmouth 2, Birmingham 1.
Stoke City 1, Liverpool 1.
Sunderland 3, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Manchester United 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa 4, Swansea Town 0.
Barnsley 1, Newcastle United 0.
Blackburn Rovers 2, Bury 3.
Blackpool 6, Leicester City 2.
Bradford City 2, Bradford 3.
Chesterfield 3, Southampton 0.
Coventry City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1.
Notts Forest 1, Burnley 2.
Plymouth Argyle 0, Fulham 3.
Sheffield United 2, Norwich City 0.
Tottenham Hotspurs 2, West Ham United 3.

THIRD DIVISION

Southern Section

Bournemouth 2, Aldershot 1.
Brighton 4, Gillingham 0.
Bristol Rovers 2, Millwall 1.
Cardiff City 2, Walsall 2.
Crystal Palace 2, Clapton Orient 3.
Exeter City 1, Notts County 3.
Northampton Town 4, Swindon Town 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 5, Bristol City 0.
Reading 5, Torquay United 1.
Southend United 3, Luton Town 0.
Watford 3, Newport County 0.

Northern Section

Barrow 2, Mansfield Town 2.
Carlisle United 3, Tranmere Rovers 1.
Darlington 1, Stockport County 1.
Gateshead 2, Rotherham United 1.
Hartlepools United 2, Southport 0.
Hull City 1, Port Vale 1.
Lincoln City 3, Accrington Stanley 3.
New Brighton 0, Oldham Athletic 2.
Rochdale 2, Crewe Alexandra 0.
Wrexham 1, Chester 2.
York City 4, Halifax Town 0.

CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHES

Second Division

Blackburn Rovers 0, Tottenham Hotspurs 4.
Bradford 2, West Ham United 1.
Burnley 3, Doncaster Rovers 0.
Chesterfield 1, Aston Villa 0.
Coventry City 2, Southampton 0.
Fulham 0, Blackpool 3.
Leicester City 5, Barnsley 1.
Newcastle City 5, Barnsley 1.
Newcastle United 0, Norwich C. 7.
Notts Forest 2, Bradford City 1.
Plymouth Argyle 0, Swansea T. 0.
Sheffield United 1, Bury 0.

Third Division—Southern Section

Brighton 1, Watford 1.
Bristol City 1, Crystal Palace 0.
Gillingham 1, Bristol Rovers 0.
Luton Town 2, Notts County 1.
Millwall 4, Aldershot 2.
Northampton Town 3, Newport County 3.
Queen's Park Rangers 4, Exeter City 0.
Reading 3, Swindown Town 2.
Southend U. 0, Bournemouth 0.
Torquay United 1, Cardiff City 0.
Walsall 3, Clapton Orient 3.

Third Division—Northern Section

Accrington Stanley 2, Port Vale 3.
Barrow 2, Southport 1.
Carlisle United 2, Oldhain Athletic 1.
Chester 1, Halifax Town 1.
Gateshead 5, Darlington 0.
Hull City 1, Wrexham 0.
Lincoln City 3, Rotherham U. 0.
Mansfield Town 1, Crewe Alexandra 4.
New Brighton 1, Stockport C. 1.
Rochdale 2, Tranmere Rovers 1.
York City 4, Hartlepools United 1.

Scottish League—First Division

Partick Thistle 1, St. Mirren 1.

(No other games played in the Scottish Football League).

Pitt and Huskies In Training for Rose Bowl Tussle

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP). — University of Pittsburgh's football team may or may not be developing a passing attack, but it is no secret that their opponents in the coming New Year's Day Rose Bowl duel, the Huskies of Washington, boast an overhead game.

The Huskies could hardly qualify as a great passing outfit, but they were able to strike through the air several times this Fall when the going was tough on the ground, and emerge with touchdowns and victory.

Pitt and Washington have good ball carriers. Pitt, with its sophomore star, Marshall Goldberg, and Bill Siarpulis, Arnold Greene and Bobby Larue, and the Huskies with Gain, Haines, Jimmy Johnston, Ed Nowogroski and Waskowitz. The coaches, Phelan and Sutherland, have great powerful lines. Somebody may have to pass.

ENGLISH RUGBY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP). — English Rugby League games played today resulted as follows:

Barrow 31, Leigh 3.
Bramley 5, Bradford Northern 11.
Dewsbury 7, Wakefield Trinity 3.
Featherstone 8, Hull 42.
Halifax 18, Huddersfield 10.
Hull Kingston 10, Hunslet 18.
Leeds 68, Batley 5.
Newcastle 13, Keighly 24.
Rochdale Hornets 4, Oldham 12.
Salford 9, Broughton Rangers 6.
St. Helens 2, Wigan 21.
Streatham and Mitcham 3, Liverpool Stanley 17.
Swinton 2, Warrington 7.
Widnes 3, St. Helen's Recs. 8.
York 7, Castleford 18.

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McKECHNIE CUP RUGBY MATCH ENDS IN DEADLOCK

Victoria Holds Vancouver Team In Final Match

Comes From Behind to Gain Draw as Curtain Drops on Rugby Cup Schedule—Final Score Is Nine-All—Doswell, Buxton and Forbes Go Over for Tries for Local Squad

McKECHNIE CUP SERIES
(Final Standing)

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Varsity	2	0	0	28	0	4
Vancouver	0	1	1	9	20	1
Victoria	0	1	1	9	26	1

Yesterday's result:
Vancouver 9, Victoria 9.

Splashing around in the mud-covered and soggy Macdonald Park for eighty minutes, Vancouver and Victoria "rep" Rugby fifteens yesterday afternoon battled to a 9-9 draw in the final game of the 1936-37 McKechnie Cup series.

The outcome decided nothing. It left Varsity Thunderbirds reposing at the top of the ladder with two impressive triumphs—one over Vancouver and one over Victoria—and the locals and the Mainlanders sharing the second slot, three points behind the students from Point Grey.

Outplayed in the initial stanza of the Boxing Day attraction, and on the short end of a 6-3 score at the rest interval, Victoria's "Crimson Tide," lustily cheered by the large holiday crowd, mostly Victorians, staged a spirited last half rally and finally managed to draw up even with their opponents. It was a great uphill fight and one of the gamest efforts ever presented by the local fifteen.

Victoria's forwards kept them in the fight and brought them through to the draw decision. Brilliant dribbling attacks, particularly in the final session, forced the visitors on the defence many times.

With the brilliant and speedy Campbell Forbes leading the rushes, and Dan Doswell turning in one of the best games of his career, the "crimson tide" swept down on the opposing squad time after time in the last half, and the fact that they only managed to score twice speaks well for the defensive ability of the Vancouverites.

HAD ADVANTAGE

Vancouver had the better of the initial stanza, and only for the admirable way in which Victoria defended their line the score would have been much larger at the turnover. Bill Wharton, local (hook) was getting the ball out, but the three-quarters failed miserably with the greasy, soggy leather. Mainlanders handled better than Victoria in the few passing bouts, but at times they, too, were handicapped by the condition of the ball and the field.

Vancouver kicked off, and for the first six minutes kept play in the Victoria half of the field. The locals dribbled deep into opposing territory and Ken Buxton, wing three, attempted a short punt and follow-up play, but the ball landed in the waiting arms of Jenion, Mainland fullback.

Victoria was awarded a free kick, and Campbell Forbes booted deep into Vancouver area. The Mainlanders forced the play back with Covernton, Goepel and Mitchell carrying the ball. Campbell Forbes engineered a solo rush from Victoria territory and drove well into the opposing end of the field. Vancouver were penalized for running interference, and following the free kick Victoria put on the pressure and forced play close to the Vancouver line.

Dan Doswell intercepted a Mainland pass and after making a good gain was grassed. Victoria were offside in Vancouver area and the free kick relieved the pressure. Taking a pass from Teddy Smythe, Vancouver scrum half, on his own side of the field, "Rusty" Goepel ran twenty-five yards and then passed to Mitchell. The latter player streaked towards the Victoria goal, flipped the leather to Rush, who went over with three local players at his heels. Jenion's kick failed.

Victoria carried play over the halfway line with Campbell Forbes and Dan Doswell leading the attack. The Mainlanders brought the ball back at their feet and drove well into the local part of the field.

Twenty-five minutes from the start of the match Victoria knotted the score when a dribble, started in the Victoria half of the field by Campbell Forbes, resulted in a try, with Forbes falling on the ball. Dan Doswell and Bert Simpson followed Forbes up on this great effort and even Bill Halkett came in to help. Halkett kicked the ball over the Vancouver line but just could not get to it. However, Campbell Forbes, fast and as effective as ever, was on the ball in a flash. The crowd gave the boys a great hand and they deserved it. Ronnie McConnan took the kick and just missed.

Four minutes later Vancouver went in front again when Beaumont scored. After a Mainland dribble Covernton gained possession inside Victoria's "twenty-five," passed to Beaumont and he literally ploughed through Victoria players and the mud for a score. Jenion's kick was short.

For the remainder of the half Vancouver really applied the pressure, but they found it impossible to penetrate the strong local defence. They tried dribbling, short runs, and, in fact, everything, in a fruitless effort to widen their lead before the rest interval. When the whistle sounded for the breather the Mainlanders were leading 6-3.

Vancouver opened on the offensive and in the first four minutes of the last half garnered their final points of the hard-fought fixture. Following a line-out inside the local "two-bit" area, the Mainlanders dribbled to the line and Robertson fell on the leather. Rush failed to convert.

Victoria pepped up from this stage until the bitterly fought final stanza was finished. They forced the Mainlanders on the defence and after Campbell Forbes tried to crawl over they went over on a smart, short three-quarters run that fooled the Mainlanders.

McCONNAN MAKES GAINS

Taking Langdon's pass from the scrum, Ronnie McConnan, now playing stand-off half, made a good gain and passed to Sweet. The Navy player raced for the Mainland line and Ken Buxton, wing three-quarter, cut inside to take the pass and go over. It was a neat play. Campbell Forbes' kick was short.

With play just over the halfway line, Ken Buxton, Victoria, and Lungley, Vancouver, were chased from the field by Referee McMillan for a short fistic display and the squads finished the game with fourteen men.

Victoria came back with Chris Usher and Campbell Forbes dribbling. They took the ball to the Vancouver line and after two scrums practically on the goal line the "Crimson Tide" gained the equalizing points when Dan Doswell fell on the ball. McConnan was unable to convert.

The "Crimson Tide" swept down on the Mainlanders in the dying minutes of the fixture and while their every move was lustily cheered by the enthusiastic fans they just could not plunge over for the winning points.

Benny McMillan refereed and the teams were:

Victoria: McInnes, Buxton, Smith, Sweet, McConnan, Halkett, Langdon, Wharton, Doswell, Simpson, Usher, Thompson, Forbes, Corbing and Rutherford.

Vancouver: Jenion, Alexander, Goepel, Rush, Owen, Covernton, Smythe, Forrest, Wood, Beaumont, Lungley, Moran, Robertson, Mitchell and Normington.

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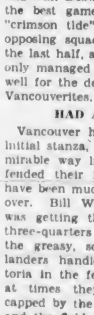

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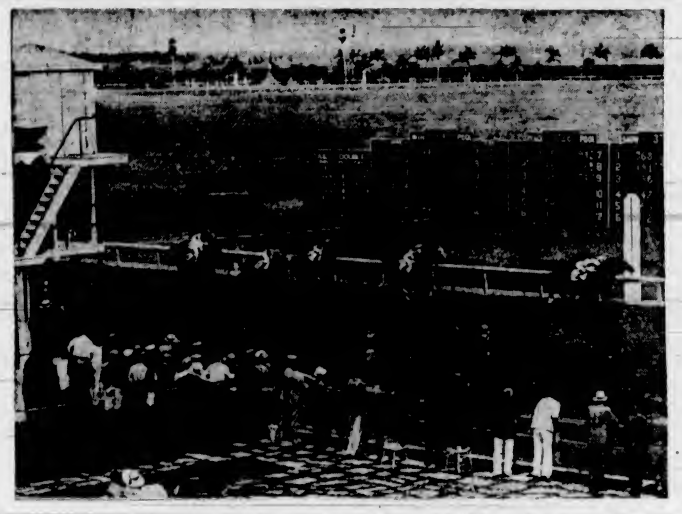
Cameraman Catches Dead Heat in South



Only once, if then, in a lifetime, does the average racing fan see a dead heat. Here is one photographed at Tropical Park, Miami. Joyside, with Jockey Wall in the saddle, is on the outside. Coulee Dam, with Jockey Cooper up, is on the inside. They hit the line without a whisker separating them and split the purse.

BUTTERWORTH WILL RESIDE IN THE SOUTH

Well-Known Figure in Local Oval Ball Circles to Sail Today for Los Angeles

Ernest Butterworth, former coach of the Victoria "rep" Rugby fifteen, and one of the most popular figures in local oval-ball circles, will sail today for Los Angeles, California, to take up his permanent residence.

As a Rugby player in the Old Country with Rochdale, and later with the Halifax Club, of Yorkshire, in the N.R.U., then in Victoria as coach of school and "rep" squads, Butterworth has had a lengthy and varied career in the game he loves best, Rugby football.

Many of Victoria's star players of today owe their early training in the oval ball game to this likeable coach. Such players as Ken Fleming, Dan Doswell, Harry Eastham, Alex Gaunt and Howie Anderson, members of Victoria's "rep" squads, are all proteges of Butterworth.

DEVELOPED GAUNTS

Roy Gaunt, now playing with the Northern Union in England, and Sid, his brother, who is also playing in the Old Country, are pupils of Butterworth. Roy Gaunt has been a prolific scorer, and Sid Gaunt has represented England against France.

Sid Gaunt left Victoria as a three-quarter, but has since been moved to the pack, and today is rated as one of the finest in the game.

During Butterworth's term at Boys' Central School, the students piled up 700 points against 48 in annual matches for The Colonist Cup. This of itself is an excellent record. In one of the final games of the series played at the Willows more than 2,000 people were on hand. It was the toughest game Boys' Central ever played while under the guidance of Coach Butterworth.

Forced to resign his position as principal of the Margaret Jenkins School, because of ill-health, Butterworth ended a nineteen-year term of active service with the Victoria School Board.

While in the South he hopes to take an interest in the game, and is really looking forward to the day when he will be able to return to Victoria with a California fifteen for a series of matches. Victorians, it is felt, would welcome him and his players with open arms. Victoria's loss in Rugby will be California's gain.

Soccer Activities

Victoria Athletic Club line-up for tomorrow's game follows: Foreman, Simpson, Tonkin, McAllister, Atherton, Popham, Shubrooke, Perkins, Mar, Travis, Thomas, Simpson, E. Smith and Lowe.

Players are asked to meet at the grounds at 10 o'clock.

OWENS BEATS HORSE

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 26 (AP).—Jesse Owens, Cleveland negro who won four Olympic gold medals for his Olympic sprinting and broad jumping exploits, today beat a race horse by six yards in a special 100-yard dash featuring the opening of Cuba's first international sports week. Owens was clocked in 9.9 seconds, half a second behind the world record.

Lovelock Visits On the Mainland

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C.P.).—Jack Lovelock, noted New Zealand mile runner and holder of Olympic titles, was in Vancouver today.

He arrived here yesterday aboard the Canadian-Australasian R.M.S. Aorangi. Another prominent athlete aboard was A. Fairfax, international cricketer of Australia.

Other passengers included C. Egerton Lowe, examiner of Trinity College of Music, London; W. A. Irvine, president of the New York Steel Corporation; Dr. R. J. Mansfield, Honolulu physician; B. Ogilvie, retiring manager of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, and D. Degroot, manager of the San Jose football team.

HAL SMITH RETIRES

PEORIA, Dec. 26 (AP).—Hal Smith, former National League pitcher and a member of the Kansas City Blues of the American Association for the past two seasons, has decided to retire from baseball and devote all his time to business, he said today.

Smith formerly pitched for Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals.

Aberdeen Scores Close Victory to Hold First Place

Dons Nose Out Falkirk to Keep Top Berth in First Division of Scottish Football—Celtic Registers Easy Decision Over Albion Rovers—Glasgow Rangers Win to Take Third Place

GLASGOW, Dec. 26 (C.P.).—Aberdeen rang out the old year today with a shaky 2-1 win over Falkirk and a two-point margin over Celtic for leadership of the Scottish Football League. Three games in four days is the line-up for the 1937 opening, and if the Aberdonians can stay ahead of the circuit at that time they are favored to win the championship for the first time.

Celtic stayed in line with a brilliant 4-0 decision over Albion Rovers, but the hard-working Hearts could get only a point against St. Mirren. Rangers grabbed the opportunity and won easily from Hibernians, 4-1, to go into a third-place tie with Hearts.

There were no upsets recorded in the ten-game schedule. Third Lanark won easily over Queen of South, 4-1, while Partick Thistle got its third point in three days, blanking Kilmarnock, 4-0. The Thistles and St. Mirren battled to a 1-1 draw yesterday.

HARD-FOUGHT MATCH

It was a hard-fought contest at Falkirk, where the Dons had to come from behind to wipe out a goal lead in the first half and knot the game up in the second. Keyes sent the home team in front and the Dons' South African star, Strause, evened matters before half-time Warnock sent in the tie-splitting counter.

Celtic scored only one goal in the first period through Murphy, but in the final forty-five minutes monopolized play, Delaney counting twice and McGrory netting the fourth.

At Edinburgh, Glasgow Rangers were in top form and well worth their victory. McPhail opened the scoring with a penalty goal and Brady equalized. Smith made it 2-1 before half-time and Main and Venters crowned Rangers' forward display with goals in the second period.

St. Mirren put up a good battle at home, holding the lead twice. Ferguson opened for the Saints and Warren made it 1-1 before the interval. Knox gave the Saints the lead again, but Warren pierced the stubborn defence to give the visitors the split in points.

Third Lanark took matters easy in the opening period, scoring three. Hay, Hart and Kennedy counted against a Renwick goal for Queen of South. Kennedy scored again to give the Cathkin club a 4-1 win. Partick Thistle also did most of the scoring in the initial half. McKennan, Calderwood, from a penalty, and Wallace scored in succession without a reply from Kilmarnock. Gray got the fourth goal near the end of the game.

ENDS IN DRAW

Dundee entertained Clyde and met unexpected stiff opposition, the contest ending 2-2. Kirby and Coats netted for the Dens Park team, while Brooks and Rankine attended to the Clyde scoring.

In the remaining games Dunfermline and Queens Park battled to a 2-2 draw, Hamilton Academicals edged out a 2-1 win over Arbroath, while Motherwell split points with St. Johnstone. The final score was 2-2.

Ayr United practically scored at will against Montrose in the Second Division, winning 8-1. The United now leads the loop by five points.

St. Bernards, runner-up, made it 4-0 against Dumbarton, while Morton went into a third-place tie with Airdrieonians. Morton defeated Brechin City, 3-1, and Airdrie was held to a 2-2 draw by Cowdenbeath.

FIRST DIVISION

Arbroath 1, Hamilton Academicals 2.
Celtic 4, Albion Rovers 0.
Dundee 2, Clyde 2.
Dunfermline 2, Queens Park 2.
Falkirk 1, Aberdeen 2.
Hibernians 1, Rangers 4.
Motherwell 2, St. Johnstone 2.
Partick Thistle 4, Kilmarnock 0.
St. Mirren 2, Hearts 2.
Third Lanark 4, Queen of South 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrieonians 2, Cowdenbeath 2.
Alloa 2, Dundee United 0.
Ayr United 8, Montrose 1.
Brechin City 1, Morton 3.
Edinburgh City 1, Leith Athletic 4.
Forfar Athletic 8, Stenhousemuir 1.
Kings Park 3, East Fife 2.
Raith Rovers 5, East Stirling 0.
St. Bernards 4, Dumbarton 0.

Injury Jinx Rides Charlie Conacher

Big Toronto Right - Winger Qualifies as League's "Hard-Luck" Player

By PHIL WARWICK
Central Press Canadian Sports Writer.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Charlie Conacher, probably the greatest right winger in the National Hockey League, is also its most unlucky player. Annually Conacher goes out of action with injuries of one sort or another. This season he is out with an injured right hand.

Every time "Chuck" steps on the ice he probably starts to wonder whether he will come through the game in one piece. Although he has one of the hardest shots in the league, he also has just about the hardest luck of any player. During his years as a professional he has broken his wrist twice, injured a hand thrice, has had a kidney removed, smashed a shoulder and broken a collarbone. Aside from this or perhaps because of it he has been robbed of more scoring championships in the National Hockey League than any other player.

STARTED IN HIS FIRST YEAR

When he broke into big time hockey in the season of 1929-30 with Toronto Maple Leafs, his injury jinx started to come. In his first season, he was out of action for a time with a blood-poisoned hand. He got this when a skate punctured his glove. The same season he had to undergo a serious operation for removal of one kidney. Few people know how close Conacher came on this occasion, to death's door.

The following season brought forth no better luck. During a game in Boston, against the Bruins, he tripped and broke his wrist. This kept him out of action for three weeks, and at the end of the season he had collected twenty-nine scoring points.

The 1931-32 season saw Conacher well on his way to scoring honors, when he injured his right hand during a game in Detroit. He crashed into the boards and fractured three small bones in the back of the hand. This put him on the bench for three weeks; incidentally it was in Detroit this year, in a pre-season game, that he received the present injury to his right hand.

In his fourth year as a professional, Charlie, so the figures show, led the league in scoring for the first few weeks, then came the injury lapse again. Things went fine until the Leafs journeyed to Chicago to play the Black Hawks and Conacher received a broken collarbone when he crashed into the boards. This injury put him out of the game for a month and away went his great scoring record for the start of the season.

TOP SCORER IN 1933-34

The 1933-34 season proved to be his best. He was only out of action for five games with an attack of boils. He was able to achieve his ambition, to lead the league in scoring, picking up fifty-two points.

The next year the jinx was back again. He suffered a broken hand, according to Mr. Conacher himself, which kept him out of action for several games. By the look of the records this broken hand did not hinder his scoring ability to any great extent, because he again topped the league in scoring. He nicked the twine thirty-six times and assisted in twenty-one plays for a total of fifty-seven scoring points. Not bad for a player who was out with a broken hand.

Last year when Conacher and "Sweeney" Schriner, of New York Americans, were fighting it out for scoring honors, "Old Man Bad Luck" again hit him. This time he smashed his shoulder and was out of action for twelve days. Schriner won the honors. "Chuck" had to be satisfied with a tie for second place.

Again this year Conacher is out of action for several weeks due to an injured hand. Maybe it's a coincidence, but most of his injuries happen in the first couple of months of the season. Sometimes he must wonder if he ever will be able to shake the jinx that persists in following him through his hockey sessions.

THE MUCH-INJURED MR. CONACHER

Mickey Ion Back In the Majors

FRED J. "MICKEY" ION

VETERAN professional hockey referee, has returned to the National Hockey League after several years' absence. Ion made his bow as a whistle-blower in the old Pacific Coast Hockey League in 1912 and has handled more games than any other man in the history of the ice sport. He has operated in every recognized professional circuit in his twenty-four years of service, including the California league. He hails from Paris, Ont.

U.S. Archer Pays Visit to Local Club's Meeting

Fred Woodley, of Los Angeles, formerly of this city, and now a well-known archer across the border, attended the indoor meeting of the Victorian Archers Club yesterday evening at the Strathcona Hotel and gave the members several important pointers. The southerner also answered numerous questions. Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock the club will stage another meet and Mr. Woodley will be present. The United States visitor will make two bows tomorrow morning and present them to the club for competition for both men and women. A large turn out was on hand last night.

GEORGIA TECH IS WINNER OVER BEARS

ATLANTA, Dec. 26 (AP).—Georgia Tech and its razzle-dazzle football team beat California's Golden Bears, 13 to 7 today, in a spectacular display of gridiron tricks. More than 15,000 saw the game.

Georgia Tech, victor over the Bears in the Rose Bowl classic of 1929 and loser in a couple of later contests, crossed the blue-shirted gridders' goal line early in the third period and near the end of the closing quarter.

Trailing 13 to 0 with only four minutes play, the Bears staged a belated rally, with Vic Bottari, star sophomore halfback tossing lightning passes.

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THREE GOOD PRELIMINARIES
New Year's Afternoon, 2:30
Tillicum Gymnasium, Broad St.
Admission: Rush 60c; Reserved 85c; Ringside $1.25 (Tax Included)
Tickets on sale at F. B. Richardson's Cigar Store, 736 Yates St.

NEW ORLEANS RACING

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Results here today follow:

FIRST RACE—Mile and one-eighth
Persuader (Marrero) $9.20 $4.40 $2.80
Zenka (Cheatham) 3.20 2.60
Nessus (Garner) 2.20
Time, 1.53. Also ran Coming Back, Breezing Along, Laura Kiev, Habanero.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs
Down In Front (Garner) $22.80 $9.80 $6.00
Cumberland (Greer) 36.20 12.80
Anne L. (Grant) 2.20
Time, 1:22 1-5. Also ran Red Bo, Merrovech, Margaret O., Novito, Play Book, Top Spin, Claremont, Thistle Jock.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs
Betty Shaw (Boucher) $23.60 $7.80 $4.80
Brophy (Bryant) 4.00 2.60
Lucky Foot (Simpson) 2.40
Time, 1:14 4-5. Also ran Sun Trust, Come Home, Whipowill, Proteus, Blondsure, Charles J., Levasi, Firm Hand, All Hail.

FOURTH RACE—Mile and one-sixteenth
Anklets (Ryan) $16.80 $7.20 $3.60
Dutch Uncle (F. A. Smith) 18.40 8.00
Blunt and Shell (Mann) 2.60
Time, 1:46 2-5. Also ran On Rush, Snobeedo, Black Thorn, High Diver, Boy Valet.

FIFTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs
Little Upset (Turner) $9.20 $4.60 $2.40
Southland Beau (Cowley) 4.00 3.20
Idle Elf (F. A. Smith) 2.40
Time, 1:06 1-5. Also ran Makalaw, Maal Fay, Potofire, Arthur B., Skeeter, Cruiz, Star Boss.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs
Good Omen (Duffy) $3.20 $3.20 $2.60
Marcabala (Turner) 4.20 2.80
Patch Pocket (Thornton) 2.40
Time, 1:12. Also ran Zuni, Whistling Boy, Silas, Honored Sir, Infidos.

SEVENTH RACE—Mile and seventy yards
Kai Harr (Thornton) $18.80 $8.60 $5.60
Anna V. L. (Marrero) 3.40 2.80
Helen Bab (R. J. Jones) 9.20
Time, 1:43 2-5. Also ran Risibility, Snap, Payette Prince, Tut Tut, Dorothy Hicks, Frank P., Chance Favour.

OVERNIGHT ENTRIES

FIRST RACE—One mile
Witson 107
Easter Mik 104
Boxerin 103
Brilliant Light 113
Goldsti 107
Mr Marvel 118
Miss Lizzie 110
Whipowill 108
Eddies Brother 112
Tre Milky 100
Down In Front 111
Nessus 118
Marasrei G 105

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs
Overlog 116
Fiesta True 114
Fleet Step 111
Top Glide 108
Countess Reiah 108
Play Pal 113
Proof 113
Benny Boy 111
Modest Manners 111
Nim 116
Lizzie Kate 113
Bats Forte 111
Visibility 111
Rita R 108
Lonquel 111
Von 111
Lead Calm 111
Crox d'Or 111

THIRD RACE—Mile and seventy yards
Brassett Miss 104
Our Dog 105
Mississippi Lass 104
Sportline Maudie 104
Carnone 107
Primer 113
War Dimes 112
Rax Covering 109
Captain Danger 117
Patroon 112
Extra 107
Reading 107
Lenan 116
Sun Voter 107
Luxen Lassie 107
Vic Flight 107
Vigor 107
Tombolero 112

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs
Dress A 101
Chief's Pride 104
Epic Lee 104
Skippy McGee 113

EXHIBITION BASKETBALL

St. Louis College and Maroons registered victories in exhibition basketball fixtures, played yesterday evening at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. The collegians defeated the Mets, 37-30, and Maroons came through with a 26-18 victory over the visiting Colwood cagers.

GOLF FACTS
NOT THEORIES
By ALEX MORRISON

I've seen many shots missed where the player had to shoot under trees just because a club with too much loft was used.

The player can see that he must keep the ball low, but he seems to be at a loss as to how to do this. In almost every case he will send the ball up into the branches of the tree, thereby wasting two or three strokes. Tell him to take a club with little or no loft and he is just puzzled.

He thinks that he should take a mid swing because he may have a No. 3 iron in his hands. He doesn't see the practicability of using such a club with a short easy swing, a swing where the clubhead moves in a low flat arc almost like a putter. Such an arc will keep the ball low, and even though it may not carry far it will roll at the end of such a carry so that it should reach the green.

The next time you find your ball under a tree, try this swing. Play the shot like a short approach where you don't have to raise the ball. If distance is needed, take a No. 2 iron and use the same low arc for the path of the clubhead.

MARINE, RAIL and AIR

Awaiting Return of Several Persons to Renew Strike Talks

Scheduled Meeting of Two Leader Groups in Maritime Trouble Negotiations Failed to Materialize in South Yesterday

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP).—Employers and maritime strike leaders discussed separately today the demand of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union for preference in hiring, but took no formal action because a meeting of the two groups failed to materialize.

Shipowners reported they were unable to get a quorum and did not want to proceed regularly without full representation.

Assistant Labor Secretary E. F. McGrady said the two groups might not be able to meet formally until tomorrow, but that there was no hitch in the negotiations and the resumption of peace conversations was only a matter of awaiting the return of several persons from holiday observances.

Leaders of rank-and-file seamen in the Gulf Coasts strike threatened to bring charges against police as a result of a clash Christmas eve in which some 150 strikers were beaten at Houston, Tex.

PICKET CONGRESS

Joseph Curran, head of the strikers' strategy committee at New York, announced plans to picket the next session of Congress in protest against an act which requires continuous employment records for seamen on American ships. Curran contended the act gives shipowners the power to "black list" workers.

McGrady also sought to bring shipowners into negotiations with other unions, the Cooks and Stewards, Marine Engineers, Radio Telegraphists and Longshoremen.

Hary Bridges, Coast president of the longshoremen, planned to leave for San Pedro to address a meeting of maritime workers.

The shipowners' committee repeated its attack on Bridges in full-page newspaper advertisements today.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP).—Verbal warfare in the West Coast shipping deadlock was intensified today by the charge of strikers that Labor Secretary Frances Perkins has "betrayed" the maritime unions.

PROTEST MESSAGE

In a telegram to President Roosevelt, Secretary C. H. Jordan, of the San Pedro joint strike committee, protested against enforcement of the Copeland Act's "anti-labor portions," beginning in mid-January.

Secretary Perkins assured the unions, Jordan asserted, that regulations concerning seamen's certification would not now go into effect.

SEATTLE, Dec. 26 (AP).—Harry Lundberg, secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, headed back for San Francisco today after addressing the Seattle local last night on a proposed Sailors' Union agreement to end the strike.

Details of the agreement were not made public except that local union leaders said it "generally favors the union" and provides for union control of hiring halls.

PLACE MANY LADS AFLOAT

Navy League Branch at Vancouver Finds Berths For Over 400

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C).—Four hundred and thirty-one boys and men sailed the high seas or rested in ports the world over today, placed in the shipping lanes by the Vancouver branch of the Navy League of Canada.

Some are senior deck officers and others are just starting the climb of promotion, for the number includes those who have been trained for ship apprenticeships since 1918.

Many others in that time have gone to sea through Navy League efforts in other parts of Canada to swell the numbers of Canadians afloat.

The majority of the sea cadets went into the merchant marine and several British lines regularly sign on apprentices here.

After one and one-half years' training in the Navy League the boys serve four years on shipboard under indentures the same as those used 300 years ago. In those days the life of an apprentice was apparently a haphazard one, but now they are systematically taught the fundamentals of seamanship and navigation under more pleasant authority.

After the four years, the young seaman sits for his second mate's papers.

Quicker advancement in other ship departments is open to apprentices if they do not wish to try for papers immediately, but they are permitted to return to the deck if they wish.

A tentative arrangement has been made for placing thirty Vancouver Navy League cadets in the Royal Navy, providing Canadian authorities approve, and the local branch has undertaken to supply fifteen of these lads immediately and a further fifteen next September. If the proposal is sanctioned, the boys will have a chance of ultimately becoming officers.

MEET TWICE WEEKLY

The elementary training of sea cadets consists of a twice-weekly meeting where they are instructed in physical training, first aid, seamanship, rule of the road, hitches, knots and splices and signalling. In the Summer holidays the boys cruise coastal waters in an open boat.

Captain E. Bettham, chairman of the executive committee of the Vancouver branch, reports the corps now in training exceeds 100, and thirteen cadets have been placed in sea berths in the past year.

U.S. SECRETARY HULL SAILS FOR NEW YORK

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26 (AP).—United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull sailed for New York today aboard the steamship Southern Cross, expressing satisfaction with accomplishments of the Inter-American Conference toward peace.

The peace parley, he said, "is an illustration of what great things can be accomplished when twenty-one good neighbors sit around the conference table."

Merrill Is Hero of "Pancake" Landing

The daredevil skill of Dick Merrill, ace transport pilot, who crossed the Atlantic with Harry Richman, last Summer, saved the lives of eleven persons when he manoeuvred his airplane into this clever "pancake" forced landing on a mountain top near Port Jervis, New York. Merrill lost some teeth. None of the other passengers sustained serious injury.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

Weather Report

ESTEVAN—Part cloudy, northwest, light; 29.43, 40; moderate swell.

PACHENA — Cloudy; east, light; 29.43; 39, light swell.

CARMANAH—Clear, calm; 29.38, light swell.

CAPE BEALE — Part cloudy; southwest, light; 29.48, light swell.

Wireless Report

(Estevan, 9 p.m., unless otherwise stated.)

SYLVIA — Bound Vancouver, 450 miles from Race Rocks.

PACIFIC ENTERPRISE—Bound Victoria, twelve miles south of Rares.

PRINCESS MAQUINNA—At Hesquiat at 4 p.m., southbound.

Shipping Calendar

TO ARRIVE

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA — Philippines, China, Japan, December 19.

HEIAN MARU (Vancouver)—Japan, December 14.

PACIFIC GROVE—United Kingdom, December 15.

CORINALDO—United Kingdom, December 16.

LOCHGOIL — United Kingdom, December 24.

AORANGI—Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, December 25.

PACIFIC PRESIDENT—United Kingdom, December 29.

HIKAWA MARU (Vancouver) — Japan, December 30.

TO DEPART

EMPRESS OF CANADA—Hawaii, Japan, China, Philippines, December 12.

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA — Japan, China, Philippines, December 18.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY—Japan, China, Philippines, December 19.

HEIAN MARU (Vancouver)—Japan, December 25.

Gulf Island Mail

GANGES, GALIANO, MAYNE, PENDER ISLAND, PORT WASHINGTON, SALTSPRING ISLAND

Mails close Sunday, Wednesday, Friday 11.15 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mails due Monday, 7.15 p.m.; Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, 7.15 a.m.

BEAVER POINT, FULFORD HARBOR

Mails close Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 11.15 p.m.

Mails due Sunday, Wednesday, Friday 7.15 a.m.

SATURNA

Mails close Sunday, Wednesday, 11.15 p.m.

Mails due Monday, 7.15 p.m.; Friday, 7.15 a.m.

SOUTH PENDER

Mails close Sunday, Wednesday, 11.15 p.m.

Mails due Monday, 7.15 p.m.; Friday, 7.15 a.m.

MUSGRAVE

Mails close Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Friday, 11.15 p.m.

Mails due Sunday, Wednesday, 7.15 a.m.

NORTH GALIANO

Mails close Sunday, 11.15 a.m.

West Coast Mails

Mails close 10 p.m., 1st, 11th and 21st each month for Ahousat, Bamfield, Ceepeecee, Clayoquot, Clo-oose, Ecoole, Estevan Point, Kakawis, Kildonan, Kyuquot, Nootka, Port Alberni, Port Renfrew, Sechart, Tofino and Ucluelet. Due 1.15 p.m., 8th, 18th and 28th each month, except Ecoole.

Mails close 10 p.m., 21st each month and 6.45 a.m., 22nd each month for Centre Island. Due 1.15 p.m., 6th each month.

Mails close 6.45 a.m., 2nd, 12th and 22nd each month, except Sundays, for Clayoquot, Estevan Point, Kakawis, Kyuquot and Tofino.

Mails close 6.45 a.m., 6th, 16th and 26th each month, except Sundays, for Clo-oose, Port Renfrew, Bamfield and Kildonan.

Mails close 6.45 a.m., Thursdays and Saturdays, for Bamfield, Ecoole, Kildonan, San Mateo, Sechart and Ucluelet. Due 1.10 p.m., Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Mails close 11.15 p.m., Mondays and 1 p.m., Fridays, for Holberg, Port Alice and Quatsino. Due 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mails close 10 p.m., 1st each month, and 6.45 a.m., 2nd each month, for Cachalot. Due 1.10 p.m., 8th each month.

Catala will leave Vancouver every Friday at 6 p.m. for Stewart and way ports.

VANCOUVER-QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS—Ss. Prince Charles will leave Vancouver every alternate Saturday for Queen Charlotte Island points and Prince Rupert at 5 p.m.

SWARTZ BAY-FULFORD HARBOR—Mv. Cy Peck will leave Swartz Bay daily, except Wednesday, at 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Mv. Cy Peck will leave Fulford Harbor daily, except Wednesday, at 9.10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

BRENTWOOD-MILL BAY—Ms. Cascade will leave Brentwood at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Ms. Cascade will leave Mill Bay at 9.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

VICTORIA - GULF ISLANDS — Princess Mary leaves Victoria every Tuesday for James Island, Pier's Island, Port Washington, Genoa Harbor, Mayne Island, Galiano Island and Vancouver at 10.30 a.m.

SIDNEY-ANACORTES—Ss. Rosario will leave Sidney for Anacortes at 2 p.m. daily; Ss. Rosario will arrive at Sidney from Anacortes at 1.15 p.m. daily.

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Honolulu Mails

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Coasting Craft

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER — Ss. Princess Charlotte or Ss. Princess Alice will leave Victoria daily for Vancouver at 1.50 p.m.; Ss. Princess Charlotte or Ss. Princess Alice will arrive Victoria daily from Vancouver at 8.30 p.m.; Ss. Princess Joan or Ss. Princess Elizabeth will leave Victoria daily at 10 midnight for Vancouver. Ss. Princess Joan or Ss. Princess Elizabeth will arrive Victoria daily from Vancouver at 7 a.m.

VICTORIA-SEATTLE—Ss. Princess Charlotte or Ss. Princess Alice will leave Victoria daily at 4.30 p.m. for Seattle. Ss. Princess Charlotte or Ss. Princess Alice will arrive Victoria daily at 1.10 p.m. from Seattle. Ss. Iroquois will leave Victoria daily at 9 a.m. for Seattle. Ss. Iroquois will arrive Victoria daily at 9.05 a.m. from Seattle.

VICTORIA-PORT ANGELES—Ss. Iroquois will leave Victoria daily for Port Angeles at 9 a.m. Ss. Iroquois will arrive at Victoria daily from Port Angeles at 8.35 a.m.

NANAIMO - VANCOUVER — Ss. Princess Elaine leaves Nanaimo for Vancouver daily, except Saturday and Sunday, at 9 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. Ss. Princess Elaine leaves Nanaimo, on Saturday only, at 8.00 a.m., 8.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. Ss. Princess Elaine leaves Nanaimo, on Sunday only, at 5.45 p.m.

VICTORIA-WEST COAST — Ss. Princess Maquinna will leave Victoria for West Coast of Vancouver Island ports on the first, eleventh and twenty-first of each month at 11 p.m.

VANCOUVER-NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA—Ss. Princess Adelaide will leave Vancouver every Wednesday for Prince Rupert and way ports at 9 p.m. Ss. Prince Rupert or Ss. Prince George will leave Vancouver for Stewart and way ports every Monday at 8 p.m. Ss. Cardena will leave Vancouver every Tuesday at 9 p.m. for Prince Rupert and way ports; Ss. Catala will leave Vancouver every Friday at 6 p.m. for Stewart and way ports.

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Lifeboat Damaged Slightly When It Was Blown Ashore

Breaking away from its moorings in Oak Bay during the high wind of Christmas night, the lifeboat of the Vancouver Island Lifeboat Association was damaged slightly when it went ashore on the beach nearby.

Damages revealed when members of the organization were notified showed that the planking of one side was a bit battered, but the ribs were all intact.

Yesterday the lifeboat was back at its moorings again, little the worse for its nocturnal buffeting.

BROTHER OF EMPEROR TO TRAVEL IN CANADA

TOKIO, Dec. 26 (CP-Havas).—Prince Chichibu, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito, who will go to London to attend the coronation of King George VI in May, will travel by way of Canada sailing from New York on the liner Queen Mary April 21, it was announced.

WRITER NEEDS HELPING HAND

Californian Wants Ship Pictures for Biography Of Naval Man

Herbert Easton, of San Francisco, writes The Colonist in the hope that some of its readers may be of some assistance to him in getting out a book he is interested in.

Mr. Easton states he is writing the biography of a British seaman, who joined H.M. Navy in the year 1896. The former navy man is anxious to have the work illustrated with pictures of the ships he served on during his naval career, the writer continues, and is hoping that among the possessions of Victorians there may be some pictures of the ships which could be loaned for reproduction purposes.

The names of the ships supplied by Mr. Easton, whose San Francisco address is 141 Second Street, are as follows:

H.M.S. Circe, a dismantled vessel used as a receiving depot for recruits destined for H.M.S. Impregnable; H.M.S. Impregnable, training ship located at Devonport; H.M.S. Pilot, brig used to give practical experience in seamanship to novices from the Impregnable; H.M.S. Australia, armored cruiser; H.M.S. Victory, Nelson's old flagship; H.M.S. Duke of Wellington, receiving depot for unattached seamen home from foreign service; H.M.S. Volage, a unit of training squadron comprising Volage, Active and Champion; H.M.S. Diadem, a four-masted cruiser, and H.M.S. Goliath, a battleship sunk by the Turks in the Great War.

CANADIANS BUY MORE LICENCES

Figures for Year Up to December 15 Ahead of 1935-36 Total

Every indication points to the fact that the number of radio licences issued in Canada for the 1936-37 fiscal year will be away ahead of the 1935-36 period. Already, with over four months to go, the current fiscal year shows that 919,473 licenses have been issued, as against a total of 862,100 issued up to the end of April, 1936, according to figures made public by E. J. Haughton, district superintendent of the radio branch, Department of Transport.

The Province of Ontario with 390,389 licenses in effect leads the Dominion, with Quebec second and British Columbia third. Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia already have more than the total at the end of the last fiscal year, while Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon are still some behind. British Columbia at present has a total of 82,852, as against 80,205 at the end of April.

Among the cities Montreal leads with 125,505, compared with 131,448 in 1935-36; Toronto has 113,853, as against 92,280; Vancouver, 44,073, compared with 41,371; Winnipeg, 40,846, as against 39,332; Edmonton, 14,999, compared with 14,637; Victoria, 10,225, as against 9,937; Halifax, 8,937, as against 8,751; Regina, 8,354, as against 8,141; Saint John, 7,312, as against 8,264, and Charlottetown, 1,139, compared with 1,220.

GO INTO TRAINING AT WORK POINT BARRACKS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C).—Fifty-seven officers and cadets of the University of British Columbia contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps left here today for Victoria where they will undergo a weeks training in Work Point Barracks.

The party is under command of Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructor A. A. Smith.

MAILS TO GO BY AIRPLANE

British Postoffice Scheme Contemplates No Extra Charge for Service

Statistics which reveal the magnitude of the Empire airmail scheme—under which all first-class mail will be airborne without surcharge—were quoted by Dennis Handover, traffic manager of Imperial Airways, in the course of this year's lecture in memory of Sir Sefton Brancker, one-time Director of Civil Aviation.

Mr. Handover declared that the estimated mail to be carried by the airplanes throughout the Empire might be expressed as approximately sixteen and a half million ton-miles annually. Even that figure was not comprehensive, because it did not include mail between Empire and foreign destinations, nor inter-Empire mail such as from Kenya to India, or Hongkong to Lagos. He added: "Actually the tonnage of mail leaving England each week will be about twenty amounting to nearly two million letters from this country alone."

He stated that normal weekly services under the scheme would be: London-Sydney, two; London-Singapore, three; London-Calcutta, five; London-Egypt, nine; London-Kisumu, three; and London-Durban, two, with provision for connexions to China and West Africa. "Although these will be normal schedules, Christmas periods will necessitate the use of about forty large aircraft day and night, backwards and forwards, for about four weeks, running seven services per week to Australia, nine to India, fifteen to Egypt, and five to Africa, all with their compensating return schedules.

"The increase in mail to be carried will involve readjustment of division of space on aircraft between mails, passengers and freight. Whereas now passengers generally outweigh mail and freight, in future the mail will outweigh passengers and freight."

BOGGING OF PLANES

Mr. Handover emphasized several of the less widely appreciated reasons why Imperial Airways decided to operate many of the main Empire services by flying boats and some by land aircraft. He said: "A strong argument for the use of marine airplanes, particularly in the East and in Africa, is the limitation imposed on increase in the size of land aircraft by capability of the surface of land aerodromes to bear their weight. Bogging of present-day airplanes of comparatively light weight is not an infrequent occurrence at a number of aerodromes on the Empire routes, and it is considered that regular operation of land airplanes of the considerably greater weight necessitated by future development is a doubtful proposition without excessive expenditure on aerodrome construction and maintainence.

"There are other advantages in using flying-boats in certain circumstances—particularly if a coastal route can be followed—such as the improved performance and take-off at sea-level compared with that at high altitude aerodromes; and, in general, fuel supplies on the seaboard are considerably cheaper than at inland aerodromes."

SIXTH WEEK OF TRIAL CLOSED

Cross-Examination in Shipboard Murder Case Was Continued Yesterday

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP).—Cross-examination of George Wallace, one of the four defendants in the shipboard slaying case, was resumed today as the trial closed its sixth week.

It was the third day of cross-examination of Wallace, whose purported confession implicated himself and three other defendants in the slaying of Chief Engineer George Alberts.

Alberts was killed aboard the freighter Point Lobos here last March 22.

Questioning of Wallace was conducted by George Anderson, attorney for Earl King, another defendant, in Superior Judge F. M. Ogden's court.

The questioning centred on events of Saturday, March 21.

Volume of Small Express Packages Was Considerable

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Interviewed today regarding movement of Christmas traffic by express, T. E. Macdonnell, president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Express Company, stated that the volume of small packages was very large this year and that it has been promptly delivered, notwithstanding adverse weather and street conditions in many parts of the country. Mr. Macdonnell said he had received telegraphic reports from all principal agencies between Halifax and Victoria and was glad to be able to report tha the record of prompt service established by the company in previous years had been maintained and that at noon today there were no undelivered Christmas packages where there was anyone at home to receive them.

LONDON (C).—Postoffice transactions with the public for the year ended March 31 totaled $4,505,000,000 in value, an increase of $200,000,000 over the previous year.

LINER FROM DOWN UNDER

Aorangi Docked on Christmas Morning With Number Of Passengers Aboard

Docking at 8:45 o'clock Christmas morning, the Canadian-Australasian motorship Aorangi, Captain T. V. Hill, commander, proceeded to Vancouver at 11 o'clock. The Aorangi brought in a large list of passengers, many of whom left the ship here and took the ferry boats to Seattle, the Ss. Iroquois delaying her departure until the noon hour in order to accommodate the travelers who wanted to reach the United States port in time to catch outgoing trains Christmas night.

EXTRA VESSEL

In order to accommodate the large number of Christmastide visitors to Victoria from Mainland points on Friday, two boats made the run here, carrying a total of 700 passengers. The ships were the Ss. Princess Elisabeth and the Ss. Princess Louise.

ORIENT BOUND

Sailing from Vancouver yesterday the Nippon Yusen Kaisha motorship Heian Maru is now on her way to Yokohama. Aboard her are W. A. Knight, of Singapore, returning there after a short holiday in Victoria.

Other passengers on the Japanese liner included J. David Drummond, son of Sir Eric Drummond, British Ambassador to Rome, who is going to Shanghai, and Thomas C. Powell and daughter, Miss Mary Powell, of New York, who are making a world tour.

DUE ON TUESDAY

From the Philippines by way of China, Japan and Hawaii, the Canadian Pacific Ss. Empress of Japan is due here on Tuesday morning next.

Young Seamen of Matson Line Ship Had Free Passage

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C). — Five young United States seamen, members of the Matson Line's Ss. Lurline, which is at present tied up at Honolulu, were back in their home country today.

The youths stowed away aboard the Canadian-Australasian R.M.S. Aorangi at Honolulu.

On the Aorangi's arrival here last night, the stowaways were allowed to proceed to the United States border.

"My husband's nerves are that bad, he's afraid to ask his employer for a rise. Do you think it would do any good to give him a dose of them aspiring tablets?"

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Churches and Their World-Wide Work

RETROSPECT TO BE PRESENTED

Dr. W. Wilson Has Old Year Sermon—Evening, Selections From "Messiah"

The morning service in First United Church will be conducted by Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., who will preach on "A Comforting Retrospect." As this service the sacrament of Baptism will be administered.

The evening service will be one of praise. The choir will render selections from Handel's immortal "Messiah," and the congregation will take part in familiar songs. There will be no sermon, and the service will be timed to last one hour.

The music for the day follows: Morning, anthem, "Cherubim Song" (Bortniansky); anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent), with solo by Mrs. W. H. Wilson. Evening, selections from Handel's "Messiah": Recit. and air, "Comfort Ye," "Every Valley"; chorus, "And the Glory"; solo and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest"; recit. and air, "The People That Walked in Darkness"; chorus, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"; organ, "Pastoral Symphony"; recit. and chorus, "Glory to God"; air, "Rejoice Greatly"; chorus, "Hallelujah."

The soloists are Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Miss Marion Mitchell, Messrs. J. Maurice Thomas and F. J. Mitchell.

OLD YEAR SERMON BY DR. G. SWITZER

At Evening Service at Oak Bay United Christmas Pageant Will Be Presented

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Oak Bay United Church this morning, and new members will be received into the fellowship of the church. The sermon theme of the pastor, Dr. Gerald B. Switzer, will be "The Old Year Fades."

In the evening a Christmas pageant will be presented by a large cast, directed and participated in by Norman Buckle, who won the award for first place as male actor in the British Columbia Drama Festival, 1936.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell, B.A.
Sunday School, 9:45 o'Clock
Morning Service, 11 o'Clock—Sermon
"IN THE AFTER-GLOW OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS"
Soloist, Mrs. F. W. Hawes
Evening Service, 7:30 o'Clock—Sermon
HOW TIME FLIES!"
Soloist, Miss Eveline Telford

Anglican Services

Christ Church Cathedral

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Holy Communion, 8 A.M.
Matins, 11 A.M.
Sermon by the Rev. E. O. Robathan
Shortened Choral Evensong, 7:30 P.M.
Followed by Short Address by the Dean, and Festal Procession

St. John's Church

Quadra Street
December 27 (St. John the Evangelist Day)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer (Anthem)
Preacher: REV. O. R. V. BOLSTER

St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay

Elgin Road, Oak Bay
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 9:30 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.
Rector: Canon A. E. de L. Nunns, M.A.

St. Saviour's Church

Victoria West
Rev. P. Vernon Venables, Rector
Sunday After Christmas (Octave)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
10 a.m.—Church School
11 a.m.—Matins, Anthem and Special Music—Sermon
7 p.m.—Carol Service and Procession
At this service the A.Y.P.A. Charter will be presented and an address will be given by MR. ERNEST GRAY, of the Local Council. Members of St. Saviour's Branch will assist at the service.
Sunday School Christmas Party, Monday, December 28, 6 p.m. Parish Hall. Deaconess Robinson will show moving pictures.

METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Corner Pandora Avenue and Quadra Street
REV. E. F. CHURCH, B.A., WILL PREACH
11 A.M.—"CHRISTMAS AFTERTHOUGHT"
7:30 P.M.—"HOW TO FACE THE FUTURE—A New Year's Message for Everybody"
9:45 a.m.—Seniors, Intermediate and Juniors; 11 a.m.—Beginners and Primary

Oak Bay United Church

Gerald Breen Switzer, Ph.D., Minister
11 A.M.—"THE OLD YEAR FADES"
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Follows the Service
7:30 P.M.—"CHRISTMAS PAGEANT" (Large Cast).
Director, Mr. Norman Buckle, Best Actor Award, British Columbia Drama Festival, 1936

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Road and Moss Street
Minister, RICHMOND CRAIG
11 A.M.—"BOTH SIDES OF THE MILESTONE"
7 P.M.—CRASHING THE GATES OF SUCCESS"
THE MINISTER WILL PREACH

Name to Be Subject for Days Lesson

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, today. The golden text is, "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 1, 9).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians ii, 5).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "And we solemnly promise to watch and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure."

SUCCESS TO BE PASTOR'S TOPIC

Rev. Richmond Craig Will Preach Twice at Fairfield United Church

Rev. Richmond Craig will preach at Fairfield United Church today, this morning on "Both Sides of the Milestone." Mrs. E. Woodward will sing "The Star of Bethlehem" (Adams), and the choir will render two anthems, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" (Goss) and the "Cherubim Song" (Bortniansky).

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Craig will speak on "Crashing the Gates of Success." L. Abbott will sing "The Holy City" (Adams), Miss Connie Barlow will sing "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger), and the choir will offer two anthems, "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings" (Staines) and "The Glory of the Lord" (Handel).

At 9:45 a.m. Mr. Craig will address the adult Bible class on H. V. Morton's new book, "In the Steps of Saint Paul."

'GOING FORWARD' IS NIGHT THEME

Rev. Dr. Reid Has New Year Topic At Centennial—Carols Will Be Repeated

At Centennial United Church, Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Reid will preach at 11 a.m. on "The Lord Our Keeper" and at 7:30 p.m. on "Going Forward."

The choir will repeat the Christmas carols. At the morning service, "Christ Was Born on Christmas Day" (German), and in the evening, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" (Booth), with solo part by Howel Jeffreys, and a duet, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" (Williams) will be given by George F. H. Farmer and J. W. Buckler.

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MRS. C. C. WARN, Musical Director
11 A.M.
"LOVE"
Solos by Mr. D. Hodgson and Mr. T. Kelway. Special Music by Warncliffe Trio
11 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL
7:30 P.M.
"LIFE'S SYMPHONY"
Victoria Truth Centre Double Quartette and Warncliffe Trio
TUESDAY
8 P.M., Young People's Society
WEDNESDAY
8 P.M., "Healing of All Things"
FRIDAY
"Fundamentals of Truth"
ALL ARE WELCOME

Victoria City Temple

812 North Park Street
9:45 a.m.—School of Religious Education
11 a.m.—Morning Service. Featuring Christmas Music
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
REV. W. R. SEELEY Presiding and Preaching

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

Gorge Road, Near Government Street
Minister, Dr. Andrew D. Reid
11 A.M.—"THE LORD OUR KEEPER"
7:30 P.M.—"GOING FORWARD"
Soloists, George F. H. Farmer, J. W. Buckler and Howel Jeffreys—Carols

WILL DISCUSS YEAR TO COME

Dr. Davies to Answer Various Questions Tonight Regarding Year 1937

"A Forecast for 1937—the Horoscope of the Year of Destiny" will be the subject of Dr. Clem Davies this evening, when he will face the following questions:

"Will Germany be compelled to strike this coming year in order to stave off a serious internal crisis?"

"What is the prophetic significance of the Pan-American conference in the Argentine?"

"What events will overtake the Old Country in 1937 that will make the events of 1936 look like minor occurances?"

"Why is Mussolini's 'time up' in the Fall of 1937?"

"Why will the Non-Intervention Committee fail to end the Spanish War?"

"If things go on as at present, how can the Rebel Junta possibly win? Does prophecy insist that Fascism must win in Spain?"

"Will the present King of England be crowned on May 12?"

"What changes are coming in the British governmental set-up?"

"How will the Church of England hierarchy wreck its present position as the Established Church but regenerate itself as a Christian Church?"

"What will be the nature of the trouble that will once more strike at Britain's heart, touching the Church, the Throne and the Government?"

"Will Princess Elizabeth ever reign as Queen of England?"

"What will transpire to prevent the marriage of Edward, Duke of Windsor?"

"Will Armageddon be set in battle array during 1937?"

Dr. Davies will speak at and conduct the morning service of worship at 11 a.m. Sermon subject is: "How Can I Prepare Myself for the Tremendous Events and Experiences of 1937?"

THANKSGIVING IS KEYNOTE OFFERED

Dr. A. S. Imrie's Evening Subject At Emmanuel Baptist. "Seeing Him Who Is Invisible"

The last Sunday of the old year will be observed in Emmanuel Baptist Church this Lord's Day by special services of praise and thanksgiving. At the morning service Dr. Andrew S. Imrie, the pastor, will preach on "Seeing Him Who Is Invisible," and at the evening service on "The Real Prince of Peace."

Special carols and hymns will be sung at both services, and in the morning the choir will sing "The Cherubim Song" (Bortniansky). At the evening service Miss Catherine Dennison will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock" ("Messiah"), and the choir will render the anthem, "Ring Out, Wild Bells" (Fletcher).

The Sunday school Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and the Watch Night service on New Year's Eve at 11 o'clock.

NEW CAROLS WILL BE SUNG TONIGHT

At a carol service tonight at the Church of Our Lord, a short explanatory talk will be given on the origin, history and romance of carol singing.

Among the traditional carols to be sung are "Lullaby, Thou Little Tiny Child," "Good King Wenceslas," "A Star Radiantly Bright" and "The Babe of Bethlehem." Several modern carols will be introduced.

The solo parts will be taken by Messrs. P. Kitley, R. Dunn, F. Durin and Master Hill-Tout.

Church Services Not Listed Elsewhere

St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church—Rev. Arthur Bischlager. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Children's service, 10:30 a.m.; Evensong and carols, 7 p.m.

St. Michael's, Royal Oak—Rev. Canon Wickens. 11 a.m., carol service, 7:30 p.m.

St. Columba's, Strawberry Vale—Rev. Canon Wickens, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

St. Alban's—Rev. F. C. Comley, 10 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill—Rev. S. Ryall, 8 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields — Rev. Canon Stocken, 11 a.m.

Garden City United — Rev. William Allan, 2:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Belmont Avenue United — Rev. James Hood, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Equimalt United Naval and Military Church—Rev. P. W. Anderson, 10:30 a.m.

St. Aidan's United — Rev. T. G. Griffiths, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian—Rev. J. Mackie Niven, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Gorge Presbyterian—Rev. T. H. McAllister, 11 a.m.

Erskine Presbyterian—Rev. T. H. McAllister, 7:30 p.m.

Christian Missionary Alliance—Rev. Daniel Walker, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Salvation Army, Esquimalt—Capt. Battrick and Lieut. Wylie will conduct both services.

Unusual Service of Testimony Will Be Held Early in January

THE Ministerial Association will inaugurate a new series of gatherings for the Week of Prayer, January 4-8. Instead of the customary services, similar to church worship on Sunday, each evening will be devoted to testimony as to personal religious experience by six or more persons, ministers and laymen. These will not be addresses nor sermonettes, but testimonies.

These expressions of the religious life, which are aimed to be in the nature of a general confession of faith from a wide area of church life in the city and to constitute a "Week of Witness," will be given under four heads: Monday, "What Christ Means to Me"; Tuesday, "Guidance in Spiritual and Practical Affairs"; Wednesday, "How I Found God"; Thursday, "How to Overcome Fear, Worry and All Forms of Sin."

On Friday an address will be given by Dean Ramsay Armitage, of Christ Church, Vancouver.

The conductors of the five meetings are Dr. G. B. Switzer, Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell, Dr. A. S. Imrie, Dr. W. G. Wilson and Dean Quainton. The list of testifiers will appear later.

The services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and will be preceded by a half-hour prayer meeting in the schoolroom.

Under the auspices of the Shantymen's Christian Association, prayer meetings will be held every afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y.W.C.A.

QUERIES EDWARD AS KING DAVID II

E. E. Richards Will Deal With Theme of "Israel and the Jews In Palestine"

"Israel and the Jews and Palestine: Will Edward VIII Become David II, Sitting and Ruling Over United Israel in Jerusalem?" will be the subject of an address to be given by E. E. Richards under the auspices of the British-Israel Federation on Monday at 8 o'clock, in the Campbell Building, Douglas and Fort Streets.

Mr. Richards will take up the prophecies dealing with the return of Israel to the Promised Land and the re-establishment of the Throne over "All-Israel" in Jerusalem. In this connection, the speaker will point out, a most interesting situation is arising in Palestine at the present time.

German Lutheran Service Will Be Conducted Here

A Lutheran Christmas service will be conducted in the German language at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the home of Mrs. Anastasion, 1520 Fort Street, by Rev. H. Petersen, of Port Alberni.

MORNING SERVICE MAINLY MUSICAL

City Temple Choir to Render Five Anthems—Rev. W. R. Seeley Is Evening Preacher

Services arranged to celebrate the Christmas season will be held at the City Temple today, with choice music as the outstanding feature of the morning service. The following five anthems will be sung: "On Christmas Morning" (A. C. MacKenzie), "Across the Desert Sands by Night" (G. C. Martin), "Cherubim Song" (Bortniansky), "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" (Stainer), and "Anthem of Peace" (J. Barnby).

At the evening service, Rev. W. R. Seeley will deliver a sermon appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Maude Hammond will sing "The Coventry Carol" at the morning service, and "A Song for Christmas," a carol of King Charles I, arranged by Maurice Jacobson, in the evening.

A.Y.P.A. CHARTER TO BE PRESENTED

Christmas music will feature both services today at St. Saviour's Church, of which Rev. F. V. Venables is rector. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Matins and sermon at 11 a.m. with Christmas anthem.

At 7 p.m. there will be a carol service. The charter of the A.Y.P.A. St. Saviour's Branch will be presented, accompanied by an address by Ernest Gray, of the local council.

Pageant Will Be Presented

Services at Grace Lutheran Church today include morning worship at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Bracher. At 7:45 p.m., the children of the Sunday school will present Christmas programme of song and pageantry, entitled "Peace on Earth." A treat will be given each boy and girl in the evening.

Christmas Tree At Army Citadel

Adjutant and Mrs. Ede, commanding officers at the Victoria Salvation Army Citadel, Broad Street, will lead the meetings all day Sunday. The Christmas tree entertainment of the junior corps will be held on Tuesday, December 29, at 7:30 o'clock, in the citadel.

CHINA INLAND

The China Inland Mission prayer meeting will be held at the Y.W.C.A. on Tuesday, December 29, at 8 o'clock.

"Symphony" And "Love" Are Themes

C. Bazett will speak at the morning service at Victoria Truth Centre on "Love." There will be solos by Messrs. T. Kelway and D. Hodgson, with special music by the Warncliffe trio.

At the evening service J. Benson will speak on "Life's Symphony." There will be special singing by the Victoria Truth Centre double quartette and music by the Warncliffe trio.

There will be no mid-week meetings.

TURNING GODWARD WILL BE STRESSED

Mrs. Altree Coley will Discuss British-Israel Race Facing Great Spiritual Revolution

Mrs. G. E. Altree Coley will be the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Victoria and District British-Israel Association at the Foresters' Hall, Cormorant Street, on Tuesday, December 29, the subject being "Turn Back to God—a Retrospect and a Forecast."

Reviewing the trend of events during the last forty years and in recent weeks, Mrs. Altree Coley will ask whether the British race does not face in the coming year the greatest spiritual revolution in the world's history. The place of the Throne in this forecast will be shown from prophecy and historical facts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO JOIN THIS MORNING WITH CONGREGATION

The Sunday school and congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold a united meeting at 11 o'clock, when rewards will be given the children, and Rev. James Hyde will give an address. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a service of praise, when a short address will be given by the minister.

CAROL SERVICE WILL BE HELD

Concluding the celebration of the Christmas festival, a carol service will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. Matthias' Church. The regular services for the day will take place.

LIBERAL CATHOLIC

Services for today at the Church of St. George, Liberal Catholic, 1011 Government Street, are Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. and Solemn Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Forty-four years after his death, the sermons of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the Baptist preacher at Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, for thirty years, to average audiences of seven thousand persons, continue to be published and find a large public. At the centenary of his birth two years ago, his "Treasury of the New Testament" was published, to be followed this year by "The Treasury of the

Russia has ordered a survey of religion among the people, excepting to find a growing disbelief in God. Whether he believes in God will be one of the five principal questions to be asked of each citizen at the census in January. The answers will be secret and religious liberty is assured.

Dr. Scott Lidgett, one of the leading British Methodist divines, preached recently in Newcastle Cathedral. This is reported to be the second time that a Nonconformist has occupied the Cathedral pulpit. The Bishop, Provost and Archdeacon took part in the service.

In the library of Bristol Baptist College is the only known copy, apart from an incomplete one in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and a fragment in the British Museum, of the first printed edition of the English New Testament of 1525.

CONTENT

Be content with doing calmly the little which depends upon yourself and let all else be to you as if it were not.—Penelon.

ABILITY

Ambition incites us to judge ourselves by what we want to do. Ability instructs us to depend largely upon what the world will say of our work.

WILL SPEAK ON FACING FUTURE

Rev. E. F. Church Has New Year Theme at Metropolitan Tonight

The services in Metropolitan United Church today will be divided in interest between Christmas and New Year's Day.

In the morning Rev. E. F. Church, the pastor, will preach on "Christmas Afterthoughts," in which the whole manner of the celebration of the sacred birth will be examined in the calm light of reason and judgment. The anthem for this service will be "The Heralding Star" (Matthews).

In the evening the New Year service will be held, at which Mr. Church will preach on "How to Face the Future: Are you fearful? Are you confident? Are you troubled or unhappy? Are you ambitious and eager?"

The choir will give three anthems: "O Holy Night" (Adams), solo part by Miss Dorothy Parsons; "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent); "Through the Night" (Hamblen).

SOUL'S LONGING WILL BE SUBJECT

Rev. G. A. Reynolds Has Timely Topic—Appropriate Music Will Be Given in Evening

Reviewing the past year and anticipating the coming year, Rev. G. A. Reynolds announces that this morning, at First Baptist Church, his sermon subject will be "The Soul's Longing."

The morning music will be: Anthem, "Hark, the Glad Sound" (Maker); solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod), Arthur Jackson; solo, "Holy Night" (Adams), Mrs. Ridgway; male quartette, "Glory to God in the Highest" (Stebbins), Messrs. Honeychurch, Newbury, Jackman and Collier.

The evening service will be almost entirely of sacred music appropriate to the season, with the inclusion of a five-minute address by the minister on "Timely Remembrance." Following is the programme: Anthem, "Sing Alleluia Forth" (Dudley Buck), solo, "The Gift" (Behrend), Mrs. Whittaker; ladies' quartette, "The City of God" (Wilson), Mesdames Coles, Smith, Pearmain and Bond; anthem, "Cherubim Song" (Bortniansky); solo, "He Shall Be Great" (Berge), James Matheson; solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Miss H. Barr; solo, "Come Unto Me" (Handel), Mrs. R. McIntosh; anthem, "Holy Art Thou" (Handel).

At 10:30 o'clock on New Year's Eve, a Watch Night service will be held.

TOPIC IS "VISION OF FULFILMENT"

The Spiritual Mission of Alexia, 953 Balmoral Road, will hold its home service today, when a trance address will be given on the "Vision of Fulfilment," followed by messages.

Among a population of three millions in Kenya, Africa, there is a Protestant community of 143,761 and a Roman Catholic constituency of 109,755. Fifteen Protestant and three Roman Catholic missions are at work in sixty-seven and forty-nine centres respectively. Education is carried on in 1,111 Protestant and 1,079 Roman Catholic schools. Christians constitute 8.3 per cent of the population.

OUR LIVES

All life is seed dropped in Time's yawning furrow,
Which will slow sprout and shoot,
In the revolving world's unfathomed morrow
Will blossom and bear fruit.
—Mathile Blind

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTADELPHIAN

Orange Hall, Courtney Street. Morning, 11; evening, 7:30. Subject, Christ's Priesthood. All welcome.

Shrine Temple, View Street. Morning, devotional service, 11 o'clock, and at 7:30 rector, Rev. A. deB. Owen. All welcome.

FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street. Divine service, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., the rector, Rev. A. deB. Owen. All welcome.

GOSPEL HALLS

Oaklands Gospel Hall, Hillside car terminus. Today, 11 a.m., worship; 3 p.m., Sunday school; 7:30 p.m., Gospel service, speaker, Mr. F. O. Hamilton; subject, "Christ as Creator, Redeemer and Judge." Thursday, 10-12 p.m., Watch-Night Service.

Redfern Gospel Hall, 1602 Redfern Street. Today, 11 a.m., Breaking of Bread; 3 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7:30 p.m., Gospel service, speaker, Mr. H. F. Munday. Thursday, 8 p.m., prayer and Bible study. Come. All are welcome.

LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church, Blanshard and Queens. Pastor, Rev. Edwin Bracher. 11 a.m., Children's programme; 7:15 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, corner Henry and Mary Streets. Minister, Rev. James Hyde. Sunday school, 3:45 a.m. Public worship, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army Citadel, Broad Street. Today, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday school, 3 p.m. Weeknight meetings, Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.

SPIRITUALIST

First Spiritualist Church, S.O.E. Hall, 1216 Broad Street, 7:30 p.m., W. L. Holder, Messages Unknown, 11 a.m. Monday, 7:45 p.m., public message circle.

Spiritual Mission of Alexia, 953 Balmoral Road, 7:30 p.m., address, messages. Monday, 7:30, Christmas tree and social.

THEOSOPHICAL

Victoria Theosophical Society. Public meeting, Jones Building, Fort Street, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Subject, "The Ancient Teaching."

Notices of Watch Night Services to Be Sent Wednesday

AS there will be no issue of The Colonist on Saturday, January 2, the Church Page will not appear till Sunday morning. Notices should be sent in, as usual, as early as convenient on Thursday. Announcements of Watch Night services on Thursday evening should be on hand Wednesday afternoon, to ensure appearance Thursday morning.

TO SING CAROLS IN PROCESSION

Special Feature to Mark Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral

A speacial feature of today's services will be a festal procession this evening, in which the Bishop, Dean, clergy, choir and servers will take part.

Well-known Christmas hymns will be sung, and carols from various lands and ages. They will be sung as the choir moves round the Cathedral, one in the baptistery, one at the west door, one behind the high altar. The first Christmas carol sung in Ontario in 1642 will be a striking and beautiful one, there will also be a Dutch carol and a quaint one from old Somersetshire.

At this service the Dean will give a brief address, following shortened Evensong.

At Matins, at 11 a.m., the preacher will be Rev. E. A. Robathan.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m.

BOTH DISCOURSES TO BE SEASONAL

Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell's Morning Subject, "Afterglow of Xmas"—Evening, "How Time Flies"

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church today, the spirit of Christmas will still pervade the morning service, when the minister, Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell, will preach on "In the After-Glow of the First Christmas," suggested by Luke ii. 17-20, and the choir will song Christmas anthems.

The last Sunday of the year will suggest the subject of the evening address, "How Time Flies!" (Job vii, 6).

In the morning Mrs. F. W. Hawes will sing "The Infant Jesus" (Pietro Yon), and the choir will sing Edwyn Clare's anthem, "Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings." In the evening Miss Eveline Telford will sing "The Star of Bethlehem" (Stephen Adams), and the evening anthem will be "We Have Seen His Star in the East" (Clare).

"Weavers All" Is Talk Theme

At the First Spiritualist Church, Sons of England Hall, 1216 Broad Street, W. L. Holder will speak on "Weavers All" at the evening service, after which he will give clairvoyance. The soloists are Miss May Muir and Clarence Kirchin.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Chambers Street and Pandora Avenue
This Church is a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts
Sunday Services, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Subject
"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"
Sunday School, 9:45 and 11 A.M.
Testimonial Meeting, Wednesday at 8 P.M.
Reading-Room and Lending Library
812 Fayward Building
All Are Welcome

CHILDREN AND PARENTS JOIN

St. Mary's Has Special Christmas Service With Rector as Preacher

The following services will be held at St. Mary's, Oak Bay: Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Matins and sermon at 11 a.m., the preacher to be Rev. H. S. Payne; Evensong at 7 p.m., when the rector will be the preacher.

Also at 9:30 a.m., there will be a special Christmas service for the children and their parents. All members of the Sunday school, with their fathers and mothers, are especially reminded of this service. The rector will preach.

MESSAGES TO FIT END OF THE YEAR

Rev. J. B. Rowell at Central Baptist —Visitor Will Tell Life Story Thursday Evening

Year-end messages and the proclamation of Christ's Advent in song will mark the services at the Central Baptist Church today, when the pastor, Rev. J. B. Rowell, will preach at both services. At the morning service the subject will be "Perils in Knowing the Truth—Also the Possibilities." The message at the evening service will be "Enlightened Contempt of God: How Long—Will You Defy Him?"

Rev. Anthony Zeoli, a preacher of burning zeal and rapid fire, will be in Victoria for one night only, Tuesday next, December 29, at 8 o'clock. He will give his thrilling life story, "Converted Behind Prison Bars to Confessing Christ Before the World." Mr. Zeoli comes warmly recommended by the Seattle Business Men's Committee.

A Watch-Night service will be held on Thursday night from 11 to 12 o'clock, the theme being "Praise Out the Old—Pray In the New."

Pentecostal Assembly

1218 Broad Street—Rev. J. A. Hughes
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—"Inspirational Message"
5:30 p.m.—CLOSED—"Christmas Songs"
7:30 p.m.—"Wending Our Way"
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE and Communion, Thursday, Dec. 31, at 10:30 p.m.
Everybody Heartily Welcome

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Gladstone Avenue at Fernwood
Services—11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.
Pastor, Rev. Dr. A. S. Imrie

First Baptist Church

Quadra and Mason Streets
Rev. G. A. Reynolds, Minister
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday at 8
Oliver Stout, Organist

Central Baptist

"We Preach Christ Crucified, Crowned and Coming"
Pastor, J. B. Rowell, Th.D.
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Classes
11 A.M.—"KNOWING THE TRUTH—PERILS AND POSSIBILITIES"
7:30 p.m.
"ENLIGHTENED CONTEMPT OF GOD
How Long Will You Defy Him?"
Join in Singing Carols That Cheer.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, AT 8
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Hear Him

Watch Night Service

Thursday Night—11 to 12
Confession — Praise — Prayer
Praise Out the Old—Pray in the New

British-Israel—Middleton Guild

Campbell Building, Douglas Street, MONDAY, DEC. 28, at 8 p.m.
E. E. RICARDS Will Speak on
"Israel and the Jews in Palestine"
"Will Edward VIII Become King David II in Jerusalem?"
An Interesting Situation is Arising in the Holy Land

VICTORIA AND DISTRICT BRITISH-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION

FORESTERS' HALL, 750 Cormorant Street, TUESDAY, DEC. 29 at 8 p.m.
MRS. G. E. ALTREE COLEY
"TURN BACK TO GOD—A RETROSPECT AND A FORECAST"
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—11 A.M.—
'How Can I Prepare Myself for the Tremendous Events and Experiences of 1937?"

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A REAL HOLIDAY SHOW
6 Acts—6 Piece Orchestra
Over an Hour and a Half Entertainment

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Flying over the Bay of Naples, an air pilot turned to his observer and said, "Have you heard that phrase, 'See Naples and die'?"

"Yes," said the observer.

"Well," said the pilot, "take a good look—the propeller's come off."

The lungs of an average man weigh approximately forty ounces.

Plays and Players

ATLAS ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN POLICY

Three Complete Programmes Will Be Shown Each Week in Local Playhouse

It was announced last night by M. Preiswerck, manager of the Atlas Theatre, that starting Monday, December 28, three complete programmes will be shown each week. This change will enable the Atlas Theatre to show all the best pictures of the year on its screen and thus provide a maximum of entertainment for its patrons.

A unique feature in the change is the inauguration of Open House Week, which will allow patrons attending the last show to inspect the projection rooms, where the latest in sound equipment will be thoroughly explained. Coffee and biscuits will be served all day in the lobby.

OAK BAY OFFERS ADVENTURE FILM

"Beyond Bengal" Has Many Exciting Shots—Locale in Jungles of Malay Peninsula

"Beyond Bengal," which comes to the Oak Bay Theatre tomorrow, is a thrilling film of seventy minutes of spine-chilling adventures in the seldom-traveled dense jungles of the Malay Peninsula. Producer-Director Harry Schenck pays ample tribute to His Highness, the Sultan of Perak, F. M. S. Sir Alang Shadar Shah, for his complete and systematic co-operation with his expedition. His Highness placed at Schenck's disposal an expeditionary force of 1,600 natives, fifty Salkis (wild men of the jungle), 125 trained elephants, hundreds of bullocks, Chinese ponies and all the paraphernalia necessary. The Sultan appears as well-wisher in opening shots, the fifty-elephant train then moving away and into the forest on its treacherous mission of obtaining new items of educational entertainment in their raw and authentic state and form.

The picture is replete with scenes of wild life in the jungle.

A python's ("a ton of galvanized muscles") snatching of a monkey is the first chiller. Then a snake swings for a native, whipping its flexible, tapering body around the yellow man until he frees himself by jerking the reptile loose from a tree-fork.

A herd of wild elephants makes for additional excitement as several of the beasts charge at boats, upsetting the light craft and causing the boys to paddle quickly to short and safety.

MUSICAL COMEDY ON ATLAS SCREEN

"Pigskin Parade," With All-Star Cast Is Hilarious Satire on College Life

There are riotous runs and dizzy drop-kicks, foolish forwards and cuckoo coaches, hilarious half-backs and tuneful touchdowns in the Twentieth Century-Fox giddy gridiron musical, "Pigskin Parade," opening tomorrow at the Atlas Theatre.

The picture, which features Stuart Erwin, Johnny Downs, Arline Judge, Betty Grable, Patsy Kelly, Jack Haley, the Yacht Club Boys, Dixie Dunbar, Anthony Martin and Judy Garland, is a crazy campus caper with a procession of swing music and a never-ceasing barrage of looney laughter.

Six new song hits, all authorized by Lew Pollack and Sidney D. Mitchell, are featured in "Pigskin Parade."

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Scene in Bright Comedy

Irene Dunne and Melvyn Douglas in a Scene From "Theodora Goes Wild," Showing at the Capitol Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Gay Comedy Success Is Current Capitol Feature

There are many reasons why you'll find "Theodora Goes Wild," which opened Friday at the Capitol Theatre, gay, impeccable entertainment, but above all is the revelation of Irene Dunne as a glamorous, captivating comedienne. Many believed Miss Dunne commanded such versatility but few dared believe she could be so completely charming, so deftly subtle as a light comedy artist.

For her first feature-length laugh riot, Columbia production chiefs were shrewd in selecting a vehicle which allows the star full rein in displaying talents never before disclosed. "Theodora Goes Wild" has the flavor of "It Happened One Night," plus the delightful nonsense of "My Man Godfrey." Its action is fast, punctuated with rich directorial touches by Richard Boleslawski.

PLAZA PRESENTS DRAMATIC FILM

"Small Town Girl," With Janet Gaynor and Robert Taylor, Currently Featured

Janet Gaynor and Robert Taylor form the striking new screen team coming tomorrow to the Plaza Theatre, in "Small Town Girl," M-G-M's picturization of the popular novel by Ben Ames Williams.

Produced for the screen by Hunt Stromberg, who has given the world "Ah Wilderness!" and "Rose Marie" in recent months, the photoplay was directed by William Wellman, whose screen biography includes "Wings," "The Conqueror," "So-Big" and "Call of the Wild" among many other hits.

The notable cast includes Binnie Barnes, Lewis Stone, Andy Devine, Elizabeth Patterson, Frank Craven, James Stewart and a score of others.

MYSTERY FILM IS AT THE COLUMBIA

William Powell and Ginger Rogers Co-Starred in "Star of Midnight"

Something entirely new in love stories is brought to the screen of the Columbia Theatre by William Powell and Ginger Rogers in "Star of Midnight," current RKO-radio picture woven around New York's society and night life.

Romance in this modern, sophisticated drama follows no charted course. The red haired Ginger, in the role of a young society beauty, takes the aggressive, and it's hard to tell whether Powell is a willing victim, or an apprehensive clinger to the standard of bachelorhood. In other words, it's the man in the case who keeps the girl and the audience guessing.

PAUL DE MARKY TO PLAY HERE JAN. 4

Victorians will have the opportunity of hearing Paul de Marky, internationally-known pianist and composer, during his tour of Western Canada. He is scheduled to give a recital in this city on January 4 at the First Baptist Church. De Marky has been hailed wherever he has made his appearance as the outstanding pianist of the younger generation. Toronto critics eulogizing him as "more truly Chopinesque than Paderewski." The recital will be given under the auspices of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

SETTLE ARGUMENT IN GYMNASIUM AFTER PAYING YEAR'S FEE

TACOMA, Dec. 26 (AP). — Five young men walked stiffly to the desk of the Tacoma Young Men's Christian Association.

"We want to go up to the gymnasium and settle an argument," one of them said.

"I'm sorry," the clerk replied, "but only association members are allowed to use the gym."

Without a word, one of the men wrote a $15 check and shoved it across the counter for a year's membership.

Half an hour later, the five young men walked stiffly down from the gymnasium. One of them held his hand over a rapidly-swelling eye.

It was the new member.

AMUSEMENTS

On the Screen

Atlas—Patsy Kelly in "Pigskin Parade."

Capitol—"Theodora Goes Wild," starring Irene Dunne.

Columbia—Ginger Rogers in "Star of Midnight."

Dominion—"Stowaway," featuring Shirley Temple.

Oak Bay—A jungle drama, "Beyond Bengal."

Plaza—"Small Town Girl," with Robert Taylor.

STAGE SHOW TO OPEN AT EMPIRE ON FRIDAY

An acrobatic dance that has been described as "an act out of the ordinary; one that is bound to please" in one of the stage trade papers, will be presented by Miss Dainty LeClare, petite star of the "Melodears Revue" billed to open a three-day engagement at the Empire Theatre on December 31.

A special New Year's Eve frolic has been arranged by this company of vaudeville artists and will be presented in addition to the regular programme. Performances will be offered on December 31, New Year's Day and on January 2.

The programme for New Year's Eve will be entirely different from the regular run. The show lasts for 100 minutes. As a special feature it is expected a dazzling fashion show will be presented.

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Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11:30 P.M.
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William Boyd - - Jimmy Ellison
Muriel Evans

ATLAS

MAY NOT RESIGN POST AFTER ALL

Alberta Minister of Mines Now Reported as Not Intending to Leave Office

EDMONTON, Dec. 26 (CP).—Reports began circulating in political circles here today that Hon. C. C. Ross, Minister of Mines in the Aberhart Government, might not resign after all.

Rumors of his pending resignation broke here Tuesday, but went unanswered by the Provincial Government. Today, it was reported he would return to his office Monday, and that all difficulties had been settled amicably.

The veil of official silence, introduced when the resignation reports first broke, continued today when directly opposite rumors began circulating.

Premier Aberhart, the one man in a position to confirm or deny the original story, was still in Vancouver today.

SINGLE UNEMPLOYED GUESTS AT DINNER

With Bob Smith in charge, some 290 homeless unemployed single men were treated to a Christmas dinner, with turkey and trimmings, on Christmas Day, in the Chamber of Commerce. The dinner was sponsored by Mrs. E. Sayward Wilson and Mrs. T. Todd, the latter giving each of the men a $1 bill.

Free smokes were given to the men after their meal, and they joined in singing community songs. Resolutions of thanks to their benefactors, Mrs. Sayward Wilson and Mrs. Todd, were passed.

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Gigantic, Inspiring Epic of Glorious Heroism!
A Romance So Tremendous It Sent the Immortal "600" Into the Jaws of Death and Hell!

The CHARGE of the LIGHT BRIGADE
With ERROL FLYNN OLIVIA DeHAVILLAND

CAPITOL

Shirley Temple Stars in Dominion Musical Story

Now she's in China! Who? None other than Shirley Temple! She even talks and sings in Chinese, and she takes charge of a fascinating romance, faces danger in glittering Shanghai, performs in a Chinese theatre, and, in short, plays the most unusual role she's ever had, in her new and most thrill-filled picture, "Stowaway," which opened Friday at the Dominion Theatre.

It's a picture with a gripping story, a glamorous cast of great stars, Gordon and Revel's latest song hits, and—first, last and always—the incomparable Shirley!

Little Miss Temple plays the role of a little orphaned waif adrift in China, a victim of the bandits. She becomes an unwitting stowaway on a cruise liner on which Robert Young, a bored millionaire, Alice Faye, and the latter's mother-in-law-to-be are traveling.

In addition to Robert Young and Alice Faye, Shirley's strong supporting cast includes Eugene Pallette, Helen Westley, Arthur Treacher, J. Edward Bromberg and Astrid Allwyn.

Will Appear at Empire

The Five Pioneers, Who Are Appearing on the Stage at the Empire Theatre In "The Melodears," December 31, January 1 and 2, With a Special Midnight Matinee New Year's Eve.

DOMINION

MONDAY AND TUESDAY ONLY!

AT 1:30, 4:17, 6:35, 9:33

• Far-off colorful Shanghai . . . music . . . laughter . . . danger . . . Shirley even talks and sings in Chinese . . . you must see the Canadian premiere of . . .

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General Admission 50¢ — Loges 75¢

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS BALL
EMPRESS HOTEL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
Under the Auspices of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E. Tickets, 11.00...on Sale ...at Empress Hotel, Owl Drug Store and Dixsons
Len Acre's Orchestra Dancing, 7 Till 1 o'Clock

BABY BURNED TO DEATH

PRINCE ALBERT, Dec. 26 (CP).—Burns received when an exploding lamp set fire to bed clothing proved fatal to Dennid, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mandin, of the Clouston district, Christmas Eve. The baby was rushed to a Prince Albert hospital, but succumbed four hours after admittance.

According to tradition the University of Paris dates from the year 780. Authentic annals, however, seem to begin about 1107.

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Italy Fortifies New Position by Recent Pact With Germany

Mussolini Emerges From Ethiopian War to Become Bulwark Against Communism in Europe—Nation's Financial Status Kept Secret

ROME, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—The year now expiring witnessed the foundation of a new Roman Empire and henceforth Italian calendars will designate 1936 as "Year I of the Empire." The will and determined courage of Premier Benito Mussolini, in the face of international opposition, gave Italy its new empire. Upon King Victor Emmanuel the Italian dictator conferred the title of Emperor of Ethiopia, and upon himself the title of Empire Founder.

Italy's conquest of Haile Selassie's hordes, initiated on October 3, 1935, and completed on May 5, 1936, added 350,000 square miles of territory to Italy's possessions. Three times the size of Italy, this rich territory has a population of 8,000,000 and unlimited natural resources.

The No. 1 event of the year, therefore, was the conquest of Ethiopia. No. 2 event was Italy's alliance with Germany. The latter development was brought about by England's and France's bitter opposition to Mussolini's colonial war in violation of the League Covenant.

YEAR BEGAN DARKLY

This year, which has proved so lucky for Italy, did not begin so propotiously for Mussolini and his Black Shirt Legions. At the close of 1935 his armies in Africa were hundreds of miles from Addis Ababa, the League of Nations was threatening an oil embargo, and gold reserves of the Bank of Italy (because of sanctions) were fast dwindling.

Mussolini threatened military resistance, which would have meant war in Europe if the League carried out its project for an oil embargo against Italy. Millions of Italians came to the rescue of the treasury by contributing their gold wedding rings and trinkets to provide gold for war purchases. The amount received never has been revealed, but undoubtedly it tided the Government over a dangerous financial crisis and united the country as it never has been united since the advent of Fascism.

OFFENSIVES STARTED

The African campaign had reached War Communique No. 85 when the present year dawned. There was talk of offensives on both the northern and southern fronts, and rumors of the possibility of war in Europe.

On January 12, General Rudolfo Graziani initiated his offensive on the southern front and on January 22 he captured Nehghelli. A few days later, on January 25, Marshal Pietro Badoglio started his offensive on the northern front, and after four days' fighting routed the Ethiopians in the battle of the Tembien, killing 5,000.

The first part of February was spent in large scale preparations for new advances on both fronts, while the League of Nations was hesitating over the application of an oil embargo. The United States adopted an independent policy of neutrality and the League abandoned its plans for sanctions.

TWO DECISIVE BATTLES

In the middle of February, General Badoglio met and after five days' fighting defeated Ras Mulugheta and his army of 80,000 warriors, killing about 6,000. He followed up this victory on February 29 with a second battle at Tembien, routing Rases Kassa and Seyoum, in which the Ethiopians lost almost 15,000 men.

The morale of the Ethiopians was shaken, and the Italians prepared during March for new advances at Lake Aschianghi against the Ethiopians personally led by Haile Selassie. The Emperor was badly defeated and fled toward Desaye, leaving 7,000 on the battlefield.

On April 1 another Italian column occupied Gondar, and by April 4 all the Ethiopian forces on the northern front were in full retreat. On April 15, Italians occupied Dessye, former headquarters of the Emperor's northern army, and by April 25 the Italians were in complete control of the Lake Tana region.

DRIVE TOWARD ADDIS ABABA

At the end of April, Graziani took Sassabeneh and crushed Ras Nasibu, while Badoglio was pushing southward from Dessye toward Addis Ababa.

After wallowing through mud and bumping over roads unfit even for camels, Badoglio, on the afternoon of May 5, entered Addis Ababa.

With the occupation of Addis Ababa, Mussolini called the nation into the public squares and announced: "Ethiopia is Italian." The rejoicing continued throughout the night.

On May 9 the victory was consolidated with an announcement of the annexation of Ethiopia and the proclamation of King Victor Emmanuel as Emperor. The war had lasted hardly seven months and had cost Italy the lives of about 3,000 men. Even the most optimistic experts had predicted it would take Italy at least two years to conquer Ethiopia.

Feeling in Italy was bitter against England and the resentment continued to smoulder until the League lifted sanctions some two months after the end of the war. When sanctions were lifted July 15, Italy prepared to resume its old position in European affairs, but found England and France still smarting from humiliations they had received.

Incensed at Britain's and France's failure to "forgive and forget," Mussolini promoted a settlement of the long quarrel between Germany and Austria and then proceeded to make friends with Germany. At first Mussolini only flirted with Germany in the hopes England and France would settle old differences with him in a friendly manner. Failing in this, Mussolini on October 20 proceeded to sign sweeping agreements with Germany which intimately linked their foreign policies.

POWERFUL ALLIES FORMED

Germany, Austria, Hungary and Albania recognized Italy's annexation of Ethiopia and they today form a block of 125,000,000 citizens opposed to the spread of Communism in Europe.

Mussolini virtually took Italy out of the League of Nations in October when the League refused to unseat the Ethiopian delegation. Italy has not officially resigned, but officials say they have no intention of returning until the League expels the Ethiopians and shows signs of becoming a more "realistic" institution.

During the Summer, Mussolini made several bids for the return of normal relations between England and Italy, climaxing them with a peace appeal in his speech in Milan on November 1. This speech brought a response from England and at the present time the two nations are negotiating an accord on the Mediterranean.

FRENCH RELATIONS HURT

The civil war in Spain has brought a crisis in Italy's relations with Russia and France. Italy and Germany have taken a definite position against the establishment of a Red republic in any part of Spain, and after recognizing Franco's government, they have been encouraging final victory of the nationalist forces.

Italy and Germany simultaneously recognized Franco's government on November 18.

Mussolini is hopeful the Spanish crisis can be settled without European complications, because Mussolini wants peace to permit him to exploit his new African empire. The entire nation, since the initiation of the Ethiopian campaign, has been kept on a permanent war basis. Mussolini several times during the year boasted he could put 8,000,000 soldiers into the field overnight.

Since the conclusion of the African war, Mussolini has consolidated his relations with his allies, Austria and Hungary. There have been a series of visits between the three allies, culminating with the visit to Italy of Admiral Nicholas Horty, regent of Hungary, at the end of November.

FINANCIAL STATUS SECRET

Throughout the year Mussolini's political programme has been marked with notable successes. Not so much is known about his financial and economic situation. The war cost milliards of lire and many more milliards will be needed to develop the empire. With the beginning of sanctions the Government ceased publishing financial and economic statistics; therefore no reliable data exists to make any comparisons.

On October 5, following the devaluation of the French franc, Mussolini restored the Italian lire to its old parity of ninety to the pound sterling and nineteen to the dollar. This measure has brought a revival in tourist traffic which may tide the Government over difficult days.

ROLLER SKATING POPULAR

OTTAWA, Kas. (P.).—Roller skating is so popular among undergraduates at the university here that officials purchased skates for student use on the gymnasium floor.

Plays in Dominion Film

Shirley Temple in a Scene From Her Latest Twentieth Century-Fox Triumph, "Stowaway," Showing for the Last Times Monday at the Dominion Theatre.

MONKS BUILD RESCUE POST

Expedition Suffers Great Hardships to Aid Travels In Himalayas

AOSTA, Italy, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Fears for the safety of the expedition of the famous hospice situated on Grand St. Bernard Ridge, which was engaged in erecting a similar institution on the perpetually snowbound ridges of the western section of the Himalayas, have been allayed with receipt of news about the expedition by the head hospice on the Grand St. Bernard, in the Valais Canton, Switzerland.

The mission of the monks of the Grand St. Bernard—a religious congregation founded in the eleventh century—is to rescue unfortunate climbers who are caught in snow storms or fall on glaciers while attempting to cross the dangerous pass between Italy and Switzerland. This mission is carried out with the invaluable help of sturdy dogs, especially trained.

LEFT THREE YEARS AGO

The expedition, sent by the head hospice to the Himalayas three years ago, comprised two monks, Fathers Coquoz and Melly, a number of lay guides and helpers, and a dozen of the celebrated St. Bernard dogs.

All the members of the expedition and all the dogs are safe and in good health, despite the many hardships connected with their particular mission, according to a report from Father Coquoz, just received by the hospice headquarters.

The expedition had started the erection of an hospice on Mount Si-La, a pass more than 12,000 feet high, for the relief of the thousands of pilgrims who cross that ridge annually to visit the famous Tibet convents. Frequently avalanches or other high altitude accidents bring death to many of these pilgrims.

Ill luck befell work of the expedition, for the edifice, already built in part, was engulfed in a big avalanche and destroyed.

Undaunted, Fathers Coquoz and Melly and their helpers early last Summer started the construction of another hospice at La-Tza Pass, which is about 400 yards lower than the other crossing. The work had to be suspended when Winter set in.

This did not mean a period of lethargy for the expedition. Its members descended down the valley, in the large and fertile plateau of Siao-Welsi, where they started several agricultural experiments, especially with cereals and vines. All the efforts of the "monks of the snow"—as the natives call them—have been successful, particularly with vines, which have yielded fifty-four varieties of grapes.

A peculiar feature of the expedition's activities has been its freedom from molestation by bandits who infest those regions. Having experienced the beneficial effects of the monks' mission, the bandits presumably thought it advisable to leave the missionaries alone.

The populations, thankful for the monks' agricultural teaching, are flocking in large number to the experimental fields to learn, and have volunteered to help in the completion of the hospice as soon as the weather will permit.

On a building job a workman was knocked out by a piece of waste timber carelessly dropped from the scaffold.

While several men proceeded to bring the victim round, the foreman was roundly cursing the man responsible for the mishap, and as the injured one came to he heard the foreman telling the culprit to go and "get his cards."

With great concern the damaged one struggled to a sitting position, crying, "No, no! Don't fire him, guv'nor!"

Everyone present was astounded at this exhibition of forgiveness, and the foreman, scratching his head, asked, "Why don't you want him fired? He might have killed you, the fool!"

"I don't want 'im fired," replied the victim grimly; "I want to know where 'e is when I get over this. Let 'im stay on—and leave 'im to me!"

NOTTINGHAM, England (P.).—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Player have donated $125,000 to provide an extension to Nottingham Women's Hospital.

Trains Constructed for New Bridge

Although railroad tracks have not yet been installed on the new $77,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the first of a series of streamlined trains for use on the bridge was recently completed. Eighty-seven of the articulated electric units have been ordered by the Key System to go into service in January, 1938. Top photo shows exterior of the unit, which includes two cars on three-wheel trucks. Bottom photo shows interior of one of the coaches. Each train will seat 124 passengers.

ONE TOTAL ECLIPSE TO BE VIEWED

Path of Totality on June 8 Next Mostly Over Pacific Ocean

TWO OTHERS TO BE PARTIAL IN DECEMBER

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (C.).—Remote islands of the Pacific Ocean will be the goal of scientists on June 8 next year, for these will be in the path of totality of the only total eclipse of the sun in 1937. Two other eclipses are scheduled for the year, an annualar of the sun on December 2 and 3, and a partial eclipse of the moon on November 18.

The total eclipse of the sun will be partially visible in the Southwestern United States and in Central America, but the period of totality, during which the moon completely covers the sun's surface, starts near Lima, Peru, and sweeps in a great arc across the Pacific to the islands east of Australia.

PATH OF TOTALITY

The greater portion of the period of totality lies over the ocean. Christmas Island, one of the line group in Polynesia, about 2,000 miles south of Honolulu, Hawaii, lies directly in the path of totality.

A total eclipse of the sun offers scientists unexcelled chances for studying the corona, the uppermost envelope of the sun. In color the corona is pearly white and its nature has not been determined. Solar prominences, great leaping touches of gaseous matter, often hundreds of thousands of miles in length, can also be examined.

MOSTLY OVER OCEAN

The annualar eclipse of the sun, when the moon does not completely cover the sun's disc, leaving a bright outer ring, begins south of Japan, progresses across the islands of the North Pacific Ocean and concludes near Southern California. Like the total eclipse, its course lies mostly over the ocean.

Inhabitants of the Northern Hemisphere will witness the partial eclipse of the moon on November 18. It starts in Northern Siberia and sweeps in a broad semicircle across Scandinavia, the British Isles, the Atlantic Ocean and North America, ending in the Pacific.

Jack Brawn and Wilson Selected

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C.).—Jack Brawn, of Vancouver, and Ross Wilson, of Toronto, will be named to represent Canada in the international tennis tournament in Buenos Aires, February 7 to 13, according to word received today by E. V. Young, secretary of the British Columbia Lawn Tennis Association.

Brawn has been instructed to be ready to leave on a few days' notice as the players must sail from New York by January 10.

Kimberley Wins From Berlin, 4-1

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (CP-Havas).—Kimberley Dynamiters, Allan Cup hockey champions of Canada, continued their triumphant tour of Europes ice rinks tonight with a 4-1 victory over the Berlin Ice Club, champions of Germany.

Held scoreless in the first period, the visitors scored two goals in the second and third periods. They showed the same championship form so much in evidence when they defeated the Paris Rapids in the French capital earlier this week.

Noted Pianist Will Appear in City

PAUL de Marky, Hungarian pianist-composer, who will give a recital in Victoria on January 4, at 8:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church.

VAN DRUTEN IS TROPHY WINNER

Captures Capt. Harbord Cup In Christmas Day Swim—Bill Mair Second

Touching the finishing raft a split second ahead of Bill Mair, V.A.S.C. natator, Bill Van Druten, unattached swimmer, won the annual Christmas Day race staged in the Inner Harbor by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club. The victory gave the former Y.M.C.A. aquatic performer possession of the coveted Captain Harbord Cup for the first time. The winner was allowed a six-second handicap, and Mair five seconds.

Bob O'Neil, V.A.S.C., and last year's winner, finished third. Art Sage, Y.M.C.A., was fourth. John McPherson started at scratch and finished last.

Between 400 and 500 fans turned out to witness the event. Competitors reported the water was the warmest they have experienced in many years.

Refreshments were served contestants and officials at the Crystal Garden.

George I. Warren, president of the V.A.S.C., was the referee, while W. T. Stanyon acted as starter and handicapper. Bill Robertson, Miss Rae Saunders and Bob Smith were the judges. Phil Bond and Bobby Moss were attendants. Jimmy McCague, secretary of the V.A.S.C., was in charge of the swim.

Exhibition Soccer

Oak Bay Rovers and Oak Bay Ramblers will play an exhibition juvenile soccer match tomorrow morning at 10:30 at the Royal Athletic Park.

"Yes, brothers," cried the impassioned orator during a recent by-election, "Demos must prevail. We are now entering upon a new era and the promised land is in sight. At long last the humble toiler will enjoy that glorious heritage, so long denied him.

"Every working man should be paid thirty dollars a week and the unemployed sixty dollars, because they've got more time to spend it. Your working hours must also be reduced. Each man should clock-in at 11; have half an hour for lunch, and finish his day's work at 11:30. Then, of course——"

"Look'ere, Joe," yelled his missus from the back of the hall, "stop that baloney an' come an' wash the kids for bed. Next thing you'll be telling 'em what Ramsay Mac said in 2006."

Christmas Gift Leads to Trouble

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (P.).—Jimmy Maher, six, found a nickel in his Christmas stocking and spent it for carfare to the Zoo.

Stranded and facing a three-mile walk, Jimmy "touched" a policeman, who "kicked in" with a dime. That went for a soda.

Policemen were plentiful and Jimmy's desire for soda grew. Seven times his ruse succeeded. The eighth policeman insisted on taking him to the station house after handing out the dime.

Jimmy had called on the sergeant at the station house, and the "jig" was up. The sergeant called Jimmy's father, who came for him.

ROOSEVELT WORKING ON PROGRAMME

President Planning Message To Be Given at Congress Opening

NEUTRALITY WILL BE LARGE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (P.).—President Roosevelt and his Congressional chiefs set about in serious fashion today to plan for the opening of Congress ten days hence, with many vital decisions facing them.

Some of the Democratic leaders in Congress were already here. Others, who stayed home for Christmas, were heading to the capital for the important conferences that always mark a new session.

The chief executive had to sandwich in between his conferences concentrated work on his opening message, which may chart the course of his second term in the White House. He was looking ahead also to his inaugural address on January 20.

MAJOR ISSUES

Developments already have outlined two major issues for the coming session—both loaded with argument. They are neutrality and relief. Back of them are scores of other problems and proposals that made the usual forecasts of a short session sound hollow.

With war clouds over Europe darkening, neutrality legislation was on the lips of most of the assembling legislators. President Roosevelt, just back from his peace mission to South America, already has turned his mind to the problem, but has not announced what he would propose to replace the law expiring May 1.

Evidence was accumulating that a bitter fight was brewing over relief and the intertwined problem of balancing the budget. Even within the Administration there were signs of conflict, and in Congress opposing camps were forming in favor of continued spending or curtailed spending.

FUNDS ARE LOW

The issue will come to a head almost as soon as Congress meets. Current funds are running short, and a new appropriation will be sought during January.

President Roosevelt's budget message, to be submitted during the first week, probably will contain his recommendation for relief spending for the remainder of the fiscal year, but is not expected to contain estimates for next year's programme.

WAS PROMINENT IN BAHAMAS

NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 26 (P.).—Harcourt Malcolm, sitxy-one, veteran legislator, historian and one of Nassau's best-known citizens, died today of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was the fifth member of the Legislature to died within six months.

NEW ZEALAND HAS NEW DEAL IN OPERATION

British Dominion Trying Out Minimum Wage and Maximum Week

TO WATCH RESULT OF REFORM ON RECOVERY

WELINGTON, New Zealand, Dec. 26 (C.).—New Zealand has bid for prosperity with a plan for maximum hours, minimum wages, compulsory collective bargaining and rigid conditions of labor.

Such social reform measures here are not new; the first step along that line was taken more than forty-four years ago with an investigation into sweat-shop conditions.

The capstone of the work was considered by many to be the recent decision of the New Zealand arbitration court establishing minimum wages of £3 16s ($19) for men and £1 16s ($9) for women for a forty-hour week.

WAGE PROVISIONS

The first Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act was passed January 1, 1895, and the present law of the same name was enacted in 1925 with the wage provision set by the arbitration court under an amendment passed June 8, 1936.

In fixing the wage the court was empowered by law to take under consideration "the general economic and financial conditions then affecting trade and industry in New Zealand, the cost of living and any fluctuations in the cost of living."

It was added: "The basic rate of wages for adult male workers fixed under the authority of this section shall be such a rate as would, in the opinion of the court, be sufficient to enable a man to maintain a wife and three children in a fair and reasonable standard of comfort."

Other sections of the law provide for unionization of workers, in some cases compulsory unionization, and sets up a system for the arbitration of industrial disputes.

In reducing hours to forty a week the court was asked to increase hourly or piece-work wages so the total weekly pay envelope of the employee would be just as large as under the longer work week. An attempt was made to limit, so far as possible, work on Saturdays.

DEBATE OVER BILL

In the long and bitter debate over the bill, one member of Parliament in defending higher wages declared: "As the volume of production increases so must the spending power of the people to purchase and consume goods." One member asked: "Must the people of New Zealand go hungry for no other reason than that there is too much for them to eat?"

Manufacturers contended higher wages and shorter hours would increase production costs so much that prices would be forced up, thereby lowering the purchasing power of the workers' wages.

Members of Parliament from farming communities pleaded that farmers could not meet the additional costs. Said a member: "The farming community can pass none of these costs on in spite of what has been said to the contrary over and over again in this House. We know that world parity fixes our prices absolutely. Let prices rise in this country above that parity and the market is glutted with primary produce withheld from export and awaiting sale."

But the law was passed, and both those who were for and against it sat back and awaited the economic result of their planning.

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

Mine and Industrial Stocks Show Gains In Week's Trading

Pre-Christmas Rush Trade Fails to Take Interest From Toronto Markets and Most Issues Continue to Advance

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (P).—The Christmas spirit worked smoothly in the last week on the Toronto Stock Exchange and both index groups of the mining section were pushed to new highs for the post-depression period, while industrial stocks registered an advance of more than three points.

Traders avoided the lure of the store counters and bought stocks in volume unequaled in any pre-Christmas season over several years.

The advance of more than 10 points to 197.78 for the miscellaneous mines index, covering the movements of the base metals, oils and some of the junior golds, was possibly a record jump for a single week since the boom of seven or eight years ago. The fact that the week was shortened by the close down at 12:30 p.m. Thursday to enable brokers and their staffs to go into a huddle with Santa Claus made the achievement the more remarkable.

METALS PRICES HIGHER

Steady improvement in the prices of metals on the London and New York markets continues to provide the silver lining for the base metal stocks and this group retains a sizeable following in the market after holding the stage over a period of months. Noranda led with a gain of $2.25 in the week followed by Waite-Amulet with a gain of 71 cents, while Sudbury Basin added 60 cents, Falconbridge 35, Ventures 18 and Sherritt-Gordon 28. Hudson Bay closed a minor fraction lower.

Eldorado steamed up moderately for a day or two but held only 15 cents of the gain. The oils appeared to be consolidating the gains accumulated in the previous few weeks and price adjustments were narrow. Royalite firmed 50 cents, Home Oil 11 cents and Texas-Canadian 3 cents.

NEW PEAK FOR YEAR

By advancing this week to 151.66 in the exchange index, the gold group charted a new peak for the year. The previous top of 150.46 was recorded on July 27. Aside from a gain of $1.50 for Dome, the veterans of the gold group showed no action of importance in either direction but the secondary group displayed definite buoyancy. O'Brien stood out with a net gain of $1.75 and was followed by Macassa with a gain of 85 cents. Siscoe 45 cents, Pickle Crow 35 cents and Little Long Lac 20 cents. Minor gains were boarded for Central Patricia, McWatters, San Antonio, Bralorne and Teck-Hughes.

A report that Canadian Car & Foundry Company would shortly be awarded railway car orders running into millions of dollars stimulated the market for that issue again and the price advanced to $21, showing a net gain of $2.25 in the week. Strength was general in the heavy industrial list of stocks. Steel of Canada common topped with a net gain of $5.25, while Dominion Bridge added $1.35 and Dominion Steel and Coal "B" $1.

OTHER STOCKS ADVANCE

Distillery stocks were higher, Walkers common adding nearly $2 and the oils also displayed considerable buoyancy, gains of 36 cents to 65 appearing for International Petroleum, Imperial and British American. Pantepec had a wider advance. Canadian Pacific Railway had a burst of action on Thursday that tilted the price upward more than a point. International Nickel had more than $1 to the good and Consolidated Smelters added 50 cents.

CANADIAN DOLLAR AND POUND RATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (P).—The Canadian dollar gained 3-64 of a cent on the foreign exchange market today in relation to United States money, closing at $1.00 1-16.

The pound sterling was up 1-8 at $4.91 3-8, while the French franc closed unchanged at 0.67 1-8 cents.

BANK CLEARINGS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26 (P).—Bank clearings for the week ending December 24:

	1936	1935
Halifax	$ 2,588,095	$ 1,982,547
Saint John	2,112,714	1,370,940
Sherbrooke	638,107	516,477
Quebec	5,651,066	3,867,950
Montreal	126,838,551	80,068,312
Ottawa	20,748,618	16,154,856
Peterboro	895,231	586,120
Toronto	183,731,071	100,859,857
Hamilton	5,648,286	3,648,417
Brantford	1,213,964	948,848
London	5,288,165	1,947,174
Sarnia	598,343	477,578
Fort William	907,686	549,391
Winnipeg	58,437,169	40,028,387
Brandon	401,042	223,487
Regina	5,497,814	2,934,605
Moose Jaw	733,809	4[illegible]2,888
Saskatoon	1,687,153	1,097,249
Prince Albert	405,693	221,336
Edmonton	4,912,180	2,681,078
Medicine Hat	248,708	228,857
Lethbridge	602,735	562,572
New Westminster	730,619	812,081
Vancouver	23,559,137	12,274,347
Victoria	2,039,632	1,132,892

PLANE TRAVEL UP IN FRANCE

More Than 60,000 Persons Transported Over Air Lines in 1935

PARIS (U.P.).—More than 60,000 passengers were transported by French airplanes during 1935. This is a tremendous increase over previous years.

Statistics recently compiled show that 60,719 people traveled by air on ninety French transport planes which cover two-thirds of the entire world's surface. This shows an increase of over 50 per cent over 1932, when 40,138 used planes. The same increase is shown for all mail. During the past year 271,133 kilos were sent by air, compared to 176,968 kilos in 1932.

Statistics further proved that air traveling is not only the fastest means of transportation but the safest as well. The ratio of .18 casualties per million kilometres in 1932 fell to zero last year for a perfect record. The regularity of services rose from 93 to 97 per cent during the same three years.

LARGE EQUIPMENT

Air France, the sole French air company since 1933, when it was formed by combining Air Union, Farman, Air Orient, the C.I.A.N.A. and the Aeropostale, recently withdrew all its mono-motored planes and has now a fleet composed of sixty-seven bi-motors and tri-motors and sixteen tri-motored and quadri-motored hydroplanes. In addition to these are seven trans-Atlantic machines used for the weekly air mail service over the South Atlantic. All these planes average between 250 and 300 kilometers an hour. Several models of 20 and 40-passenger quadri-motored Farman planes are under construction.

Air France holds several commercial records, among which are:

Croydon (London) to Le Bourget (Paris), 1 hour, 11 minutes.

Natal (Brazil) to Le Bourget, 35 hours, 55 minutes.

Buenos Aires to Le Bourget, 66 hours, 29 minutes.

A proud parent called up the newspaper and reported the birth of twins. The girl at the news desk didn't quite catch the message over the phone. "Will you repeat that?" she asked.

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FOREIGN CURRENCIES COMPILED ON BASIS OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 (P).—British and foreign exchange closed easier today.

Argentina, peso, .3061; Australia, pound, 3.9202; France, franc, .0467; Germany, reichsmark, .4021.

Great Britain, pound, 4.9100; Italy, lire, .0526; New Zealand, pound, 3.9517; South Africa, pound, 4.8854; United States, dollar, 1-16 per cent discount.

CHICAGO WHEAT PRICES HIGHER

Profit-Taking Reduces Gains After Three-Cent Rise to New Highs

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP).—Acute uneasiness over European war possibilities did much today to bring about flurried speculative buying of wheat, and more than a 3-cent spurt in prices.

Enlarged profit-taking sales on the part of holders of wheat, however, caused reactions from top quotations. Chicago December wheat contracts soared to $1.42 3-8, the highest point attained for any future since 1929.

At the close wheat was 1-8 to 2 5-8 above Thursday's finish; December 1.41 3-4 to 1.41 7-8, May 1.36 3-8 to 1.36 1-2; Corn 1-2 to 1 cent up, December 1.10 to 1.10 1-8, May new 1.06 1-8 to 1.06 1-4; Oats 1-4 to 1 cent advanced, and provisions varying from 5 cents off to 20 cents dearer.

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Wheat—	P.C.	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	139⅝	139⅝	142⅝	139¼	141⅞
May	134⅝	134⅝	137¼	134¼	136½
July	119⅛	119½	126	118⅝	119⅞
Corn—					
Dec.	109½	109¼	110½	109	110¼
May	105½	105⅞	106⅝	105¼	106¼
July	102¼	102⅝	103	102	102⅝
Oats—					
Dec.	51⅞	51⅝	50⅝	51⅝	52⅛
May	51	51½	52	50⅞	51⅝
July	45⅝	45⅛	45⅞	44⅞	45⅝
Rye—					
May	..	..	118	114½	117¼
Dec.	..	..	121	118⅝	119⅝
May	..	..	111	108	110⅛

LUXURY PLANE LIKE ZEPPELIN

Speedy Twenty-Passenger Liners Are Predicted For the Future

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Huge commodious air liners, with luxurious overnight accommodations for twenty passengers, and capable of cruising at 225 miles an hour, were predicted for the near future today by two leading aviation engineers.

The experts were George J. Mead, vice-president and chief engineer of the United Aircraft Corporation, and Dr. J. C. Hunsaker, head of mechanical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

What they have termed "tomorrow's airplane" will have the exterior appearance of a Zeppelin with an all-metal fuselage, a landing-gear completely retractible into the wings, and of low-wing monoplane type, engined by four two-row, radial air-cooled motors of between 3,000 and 4,000 horse power.

It could carry a total payload of 5,100 pounds, including twenty passengers, luggage, and half a ton of mail and express, and complete a coast-to-coast flight over night without using more than 60 per cent of the rated power of the motors.

RANGE OF 1,250 MILES

The airliner would have a gross weight of about 40,000 pounds, a range of 1,250 miles, a cruising speed of 225 miles an hour at 10,000 feet and could fly easily at 15,000 feet even with one engine dead.

To cut down air resistance, the engineers proposed all external projections, such as door handles, window ledges and even rivet heads, be eliminated. By having the landing gear retractible, it was figured a 20 per cent power increase for cruising would result.

The interior arrangement of the plane would include a cab in the nose of the ship for the pilots and radio operator; a gallery, dressing rooms for men and women, ten sections of two berths each, cargo space beneath the floor, and ventilating and heating systems. The main-cabin space would be ten feet wide and forty feet long. Sound insulation would reduce the noise level to below that of a Pullman car.

SMALL PLANE CHEAPER

The engineers also envisaged the "future airplane," which would have a smaller wing area, smaller power plant, lighter gross weight for the same payload, range and speed, and would cut operating costs from twenty-three to eighteen cents per ton mile of payload.

Regarding stratosphere flying, Mead and Dr. Hunsaker said they believed the upper lanes practicable only for non-stop ocean or trans-continental flights.

"Otherwise," they said, "an undue proportion of the flight time would be [illegible] climbing to and descending from the operating altitude."

MAKES VALUABLE FIND

KIMBERLEY, South Africa (P).—After spending about forty years on the alluvial diggings in Barkly West area, a colored digger made his first big find when he came across a twenty-carat diamond worth $1,000.

WHEAT PRICES REMAIN STRONG

Political Uncertainty in Europe Keeps Winnipeg Futures at High Level

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27 (P).—Political uncertainty in Europe, the chief price-sustaining factor in the wheat market these days, continued unrelieved today. Futures on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange reflected the menacing aspect of the situation.

Wheat prices today, after a week of constant realizinz on the profits of the recent spectacular advance, were 1-4 to 2 1-4 cents above last Saturday's close. December closed the abbreviated week at $1.28 3-8, May $1.28 3-4 and July $1.24 3-8.

The net advance was registered in four sessions. A five-cent bulge Thursday, the closing session of the week, enabled the market to recover from the "technical reaction" that followed last week's 13-cent upswing. The market was closed today, Boxing Day.

The apparent necessity of importing countries being forced to bid up prices to obtain their requirements in a world of dwindling supplies highlighted a week of bullish market developments and formed the background to speculative buying enthusiasm.

REQUIREMENTS HEAVIER

While Canada's export sales during the week were placed at approximately 2,000,000 bushels, estimates were that Europe's wheat imports this season would total 448,000,000 bushels. It had previously been estimated Europe would require 420,000,000 bushels.

Startled by an official report the largest acreage on record had been sown to Winter wheat in the United States this year, 57,187,000 acres, the grain trade today took a more hopeful view of the bearish news. Total prospective production was estimated at only 70,000,000 bushels more than last year, despite the acreage increase.

The report jolted all wheat markets which for weeks had been advancing on the theory world surpluses would be reduced this season to the lowest levels in years. The setback, however, was only temporary.

REVISED ESTIMATE

Helpful to the recovery movement was a revised estimate by G. J. S. Broomhall, noted English statistician, of world imports in 1936-37. He placed the total at 568,000,000 bushels, some 28,000,000 bushels above his previous forecast.

In apportioning the total among the exporting countries, Broomhall allowed Canada 216,000,000 bushels, Argentina, he estimated, would export 170,000,000; Australia, 88,000,000; Danubian countries, 72,000,000, and others 32,000,000 bushels.

Trade experts believed, however, it would be difficult for Argentina to export 170,000,000 bushels of wheat. They stressed that to attain that figure, all Argentine wheat, other than that required for home needs, would need to be exported. In addtion, they said, all wheat would have to be of milling quality.

Conducive, too, to the renewed drive to higher price levels was the fact that available stocks of wheat in North America and Europe are much smaller than at this time last year. The absence of moisture in the United States' Spring-wheat area prior to freeze-up was cited as a bullish factor.

LONG LIFE HINT SAYS OSCILLATE

Theories Relative to Longevity Espoused by Leading Japanese Scientist Now in States

BERKELEY, Calif. (U.P.).—That all the benefits of a dip in the Fountain of Youth up to 120 years of age can be obtained merely by oscillating like a goldfish is the theory of Dr. Katsuzo Nishi, leading Japanese scientist and medical consultant to the Imperial Family.

Dr. Nishi is in the United States to demonstrate his theories relative to longevity and his doctrine that the heart is not a pump—merely a storage reservoir or control.

To date, Dr. Nishi declares 800,000 of his countrymen have accepted his theory that longevity can be attained oscillating like a goldfish and are putting it into practice daily with astonishing results. He places 120 years as the normal life span for man.

Dr. Nishi's theories are based on the assumption that the heart is merely a volume control, and that the osmotic action of the capillaries is the real cause of circulation.

THE HEART'S WORK

"It is physically and mathematically impossible," he declares, "for a small organ like the heart to pump the blood through all of the arteries and veins of the body in twenty-two seconds, as now generally accepted by physiologists and physicians."

As to the method for living 120 years by oscillating like a goldfish, Dr. Nishi explains that it first is necessary to accustom yourself to sleeping on a hard, flat bed with a comfortable light cover, and gradually to acquire the habit of keeping a hard rounded pillow underneath the middle of your spinal column.

Then the essential exercise consists of lying on the back, hands clasped under the back of the neck, the toes turned toward the head, and oscillating the entire body as a goldfish might.

Most Ethiopians observe two Sabbaths, Saturday and Sunday.

Stock and Bond Prices Gain at New York Mart

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—In a holiday mood, financial markets have approached the year-end with a leisurely but more confident stride.

It was the rosy complexion to trade and production reports, rather than security markets that took the attention of Wall Street the past week.

From trade centres of the nation came accounts of a brisk movement of all kinds of merchandise into the hands of eager Christmas shoppers.

Stocks and bonds, after a decline which carried over the preceding week, braced for a rally. But the recovery was mild as trading tapered off before the three-day recess over Christmas and the week-end.

Noteworthy in the eyes of bondsmen was a better market for United States Treasury loans after announcement of a plan for "sterilizing" gold imports as another move in a broad programme of credit expansion control.

Labor troubles continued to impede production in some lines, notably automobile activity, but markets were cheered by settlement of strikes in important motor parts plants.

The net result of the shortened week's trading was a rise of five-tenths of a point in The Associated Press average of sixty stocks. Transactions for the four days totaled 6,893,858 against 12,367,466 for the preceding full trading week.

HAS BIG POKE OF GOLD DUST

Death Valley Scotty Still Able To Display Wealth From Secret Source

THE CASTLE, DEATH VALLEY, California, Dec. 26 (AP).—Death Valley Scotty says he is happy with a pile of that much heard about but little seen mystery substance of his spectacular career—gold dust.

"There's half a million in the poke," he declared, with his quizzical blue eyes sparkling. "It's a gold dust Christmas, all right."

It is more than twenty years since the famous sixty-one-year-old Monte Cristo of the desert has been seen with gold dust or nuggets. On his visits to the bright spots of the coast and in the East it has been with rolls of currency, bills of $100 and $1,000 denominations. But tonight he is sifting gold dust through his fingers again.

SOURCE OF WEALTH SECRET

Thirty years ago in the hectic gold days in his Nevada-California Bonanza area, he would drop into Goldfield, Tonapah, or the other boom mining towns, now ghost cities, with a fat poke of gold dust. His source of wealth was just as much a mystery then as it is now.

"I never show my hole card," is his invariable reply to questions.

Scotty's $2,281,000 castle in Grapevine Canyon, north end of Death Valley, is near the richest gold and silver country in the world. Within a circle of 100 miles from the castle more than $800,000,000 in gold and silver has been taken out during the past half century.

"There's plenty more gold in the hills," he says. "The surface ain't scratched yet. It's about time to fling a gold dust party."

WOULD USE MORE SILVER DOLLARS

B.C. Chamber of Mines Wants Large Supply Kept in Bank of Canada at Montreal

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (P).—The British Columbia Chamber of Mines will ask authorities in Ottawa if larger supplies of silver dollars can not be kept at the Bank of Canada branch here, it was learned today.

Many business firms that endorsed a recent silver dollar campaign of the Chamber of Mines reported they had been unable to secure the dollars during the past few days.

They reported many customers asked for the silver dollars as change. It was believed a large number of them were used as Christmas gifts.

What Today Means

"CAPRICORN"

If December 27 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 10:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., from 2:25 to 4:25 p.m. and from 6:25 to 8:25 p.m. The danger periods are from 8:25 to 10:25 a.m., from 4:25 to 6:25 p.m. and from 8:25 to 10:25 p.m.

There may be circumstances rather upsetting to one's equilibrium this day, so be prepared to exercise self-possession, and do not lose your temper. Be careful you do not do a friend a grave injustice by reaching a wrong conclusion about something he or she said or did. Time is likely to pass rapidly this day, so be wise and keep your eyes on the clock. If you have an engagement. Influences may be such, that unless one keeps mentally alert, there will be many an embarrassing slip of the tongue. Concentrate on whatever you are doing so as to keep from making mistakes. Voluntary advice is not apt to be appreciated, so it might be good judgment not to be too free with it. Married and engaged couples, as well as those contemplating assuming betrothal obligations, ought to do everything possible to be agreeable and amusing on this day, for a contradictory or surly attitude will bring about inharmonious conditions.

If a woman and December 27 is your birthday, you probably are a very practical person, with many very worthwhile aspirations, which are likely to be realized. You may be slow in forming friendships, but once you have, they generally are lasting. The chances are you show your appreciation for anything done for you, consequently your family and friends, in all likelihood, are willing to turn hand springs to be of real service whenever they have an opportunity. You ought to be a fluent talker, and, therefore, capable of selling, lecturing, practicing law, medicine or acting. You may find your greatest happiness through marriage.

The child born on December 27 may have many big things expected of it when it grows up, for its mental, physical and spiritual attainments seem predestined to be above the average person's.

If a man and December 27 is your natal day, you may become too enthusiastic over theoretical suggestions, as well as visionary plans. Do not be too easily influenced by your friends, if you expect to succeed. As an editor, journalist, inventor, salesman or office manager your work perhaps will be greatly appreciated and well rewarded.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
"CAPRICORN"

If December 28 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The danger periods are from 8 to 10 a.m., from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 9 to 11 p.m.

Influences are likely to make your subconscious mind extremely active and responsible for many of your actions this day. Egotism may be expressed through an unwarrented display of vanity. It will be poor judgment to indulge in self-praise, particularly with strangers. You are apt to be superstitious, and unless you control this tendency the chances are you will be made quite miserable by false beliefs. Quibbling is liable to result in mental confusion, preventing clear thinking, so it might be well not to indulge in it. The pleasure-loving are, perhaps, going to find this an auspicious day, especially in arranging social activities. Married and engaged couples, as well as those seeking a life companion, will find that, in all likelihood, it is advisable to answer questions frankly, without making mental reservations.

If a woman and December 28 is your birthday, you should have the gift of being able to concentrate on whatever you are doing. While pleasure loving, you are far from being frivolous. The theatre and books are, probably, your favorite diversions. You ought to be very popular, especially in social circles. You have, most likely, an excellent ear for music, as well as an appreciative sense for things of artistic worth. You may be given to devoting a good deal of time to introspection, with the result you will realize your short-comings, and do everything to correct them. Your ability to think for yourself will keep you out of trouble. Should you engage in some commercial activity, or a career, your personality ought to prove to be a wonderful asset. Your good judgment, and a sense of discrimination, might be successfully used in some of the following activities. As a professional buyer, real estate broker, interior decorator, restaurant manager, composer, newspaper commentator or columnist. The right man can make you a very happy husband, as you have all the qualifications needed to make him thoroughly contented.

The child born on December 28 may be inclined without cause to be pugnacious during its adolescence. By gentle reasoning this trait can be corrected.

If a man and December 28 is your natal day, you perhaps will be very fortunate in financial matters, selection of a wife and choice of environment. As a politician, actor, architect, dentist, mechanic, inventor or builder your chances for success seem to be unlimited.

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LANGLEY PRAIRIE MAN FRACTURES HIS NECK

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 26 (P).—Dr. Albert M. McBurney, of Langley Prairie, was in hospital here today with a neck fracture suffered yesterday when a tire on his automobile blew out and the machine went into a ditch.

AT THE NUDIST CLUB

"Any cast-off clothing, please?"—Bulletin, Sydney.

TOONERVILLE FOLKS

THE TUTTS... By Crawford Young

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"THE REPORT OF MY DEATH HAS BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED"

It was Winter in the year 1896.

A New York newspaper correspondent in London was complaining to his colleagues about dullness of international doings; how damp are English snows; nothing ever happens—all unknowing that within twenty-four hours he was fated to send a cable which would set to wagging millions of tongues on two continents which would stay in the language for—well, for a long time—forty years, so far, and still going strong.

The small talk of the group was interrupted by this message which the New York newspaper had sent to its correspondent:

"Rumor Mark Twain dying. If very ill 500 words. If dead, send 1,000.

Routinely, the journalist set off on a chore that was all in the day's work. Smilingly, he handed the cable to the subject of his interview, and waited the comment of the humorist who was in the pink.

"You don't need so many words," Mark Twain told the newspaperman; "just say that the report of my death has been grossly exaggerated."

For once Dame Rumor did not get away with murder; she was, however, responsible for one of the most killing verbal shots heard 'round the world.

Jane Dixon Says:

ROUND-UP DAY PRESENTS: THE GIRL WHOSE FIANCE WANTS HER TO AVOID CHEAP GIRL COMPANIONS—MORE CRITICISM OF GREGORY—ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN IS DISTURBED BECAUSE HER PARENTS ARE ALWAYS INTRODUCING "SUITABLE HUSBANDS"—HOLLYWOOD VS. TRUE LOVE—A LONELY WOMAN IN SEARCH OF A HUSBAND.

Ready for the round-up!

Mary: You say you love the boy. He loves you. He objects to your associating with a crowd of girls who are "wild, profane and have bad reputations." His judgment is based on fact because he went with you to their meeting place. Your mother says he is right. He is right. I'm surprised at you, Mary. Does the companionship of such girls mean more to you than your avowed love? If it does, you are fooling yourself. You are not in love. Try to fix your standards of friendship as high as those of the boy who has the good sense to avoid cheap people.

For Gregory: "When I read your letter I was so indignant I wanted to tear up the paper. I'm still indignant with Jane Dixon for not burning you up more than she did. She's too kind to persons like you. You are a menace to society, and I earnestly hope you will not find a young man whose life would be ruined by a creature of your morals. It's a great solace to know that you will have to pay for your selfishness, and dearly, too. I hope the two deceitful married men who are carrying on with you will be made to pay as much as you. My heart goes out to their families.—Sincerity."

Jil: You are a very weak and foolish girl who knows she is building a tower of unhappiness that will topple and crush her, but who is too cowardly and too self-indulgent to stop building her doom. The person does not love you. Such as he dishonor the word love when they use it for their evil purpose. If you are so "crazy" about such a rotter there must be something wrong with you.

Distressed: The only permanent cure for superfluous hair is electrolysis—removal by penetrating the hair root with an electric needle. I have taken such treatments and they have been most efficacious. The interest of your fiance in your problem is not unusual. While I was being treated a young woman from a distant city was the patient who preceded me. Her fiance accompanied her. He waited in the reception-room while the treatments were being given. It was apparent he loved her, was proud of her, and was anxious that any blemish which detracted from her appearance be removed. Allow none except a highly skilled electrolycian to operate on your face. They are few and far between. My regards to your young man. He is sincere, unselfish and a regular fellow.

Esther: If your mother's and father's union was a love match, they should understand that love blooms where it wills, not where they direct. Be friendly with the young men they introduce to you as suitable husbands, but do not feel obligated to "charm them" as your mother orders. Remember the decision rests with you. Ambitious parents may force their daughters to the marriage altar, but they cannot compel their victims to say "Yes."

Undecided: Accept the nice young man you love. Hollywood is a long and mostly a bitter trail for unknowns without training, influence or funds for living. Film loves and homes are make-believe. Why trade the real for the imaginary?

Lonely: Certainly there are potential husbands in the marriage market. I know because I have their letters. They are as lonely as you and as anxious to meet the right woman. You have financial independence and friends. A husband will be added unto these if you use your assets to the best advantage.

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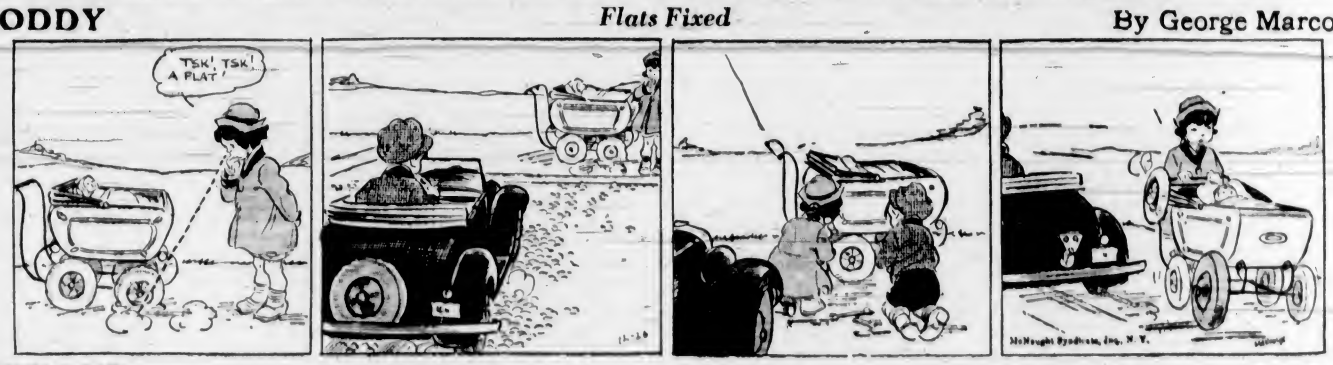

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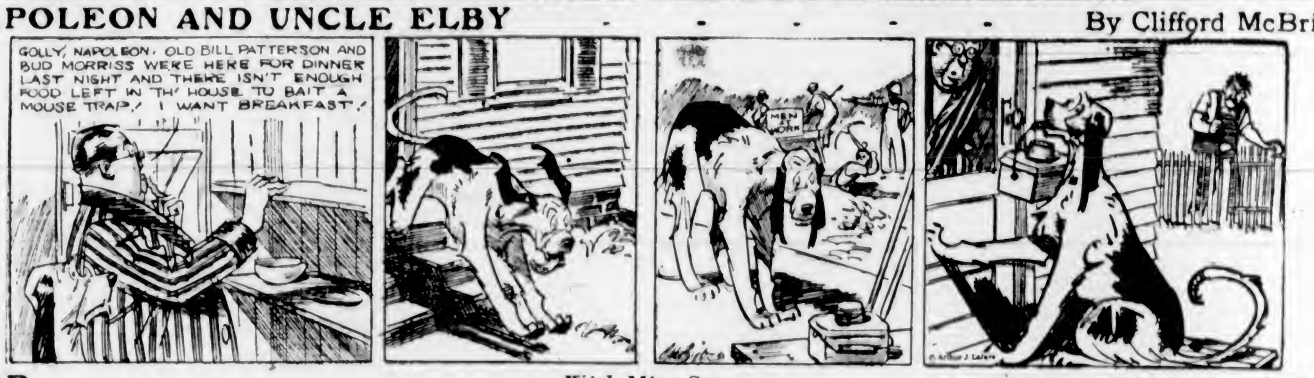

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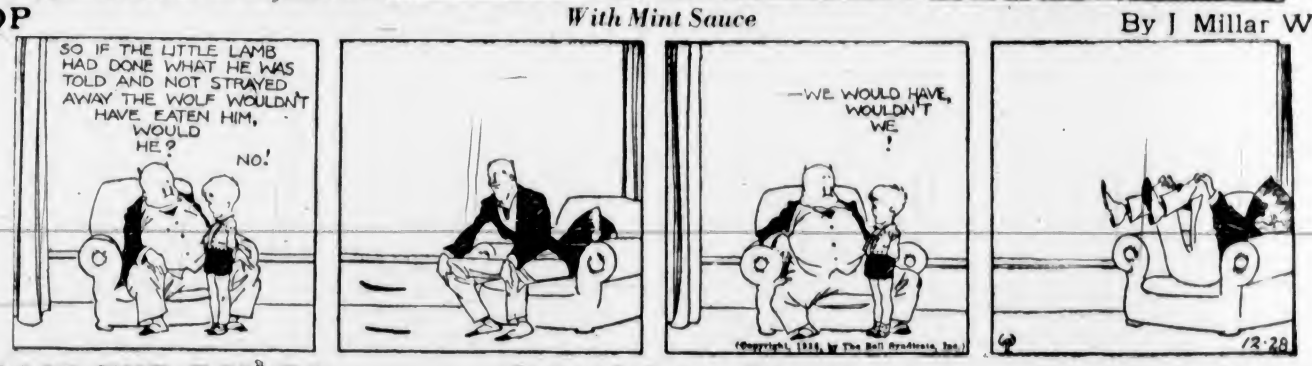

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1 BIRTHS

WOOD—To Mr and Mrs. James A. Wood, of Colwood, B.C., at St. Joseph's Hospital, December 24, a daughter, both well.

2 DEATHS

SLATER—On December 23, 1936, at St. Joseph's Hospital, John Slater, of 724 Yates Street, aged seventy-four years. Born in Preston, Lancashire, England, and a resident of Victoria for over five years. He is survived by his widow at home; three sons, James, Reuina, John, Victoria, and George, of Pasadena, Cal. One son, Herbert, was killed overseas. The funeral will be held from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Monday, December 28, at 0.30 p.m. Rev. William Allen officiating. Interment in Royal Oak Burial Park.

(Port William papers please copy.)

JONES—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on December 23, 1936, Richard Jones, of 1636 Hollywood Crescent, in his eighty-sixth year, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a resident of this city for the past sixty years. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. K. W. Rome and Mrs. A. S. Blacklock, both in Victoria.

The funeral will be held on Monday, the cortege leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 10.45 a.m., proceeding to the Reformed Episcopal Church, where service will be conducted by Rev. A. deB. Owen at 11 o'clock, after which the remains will be forwarded to Vancouver for cremation. (No flowers, by request.)

BUTLER—At the family residence on Saturday morning, Robert Butler, aged sixty-eight years, of 342 Arnold Street. The late Mr. Butler was born in Scotland and had been a resident of this city for the past twenty-four years, and for many years an employee of the city on the staff of Rose Bay Cemetery. He is mourned by four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Heard, Mrs. Christie, D. R. McPherson and Mrs. C. Johnson, of Victoria, and Mrs. W. Ballantyne, of Tod Inlet, and one son, S. W. Butler, of this city. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon from McCall Bros. Funeral Home, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Clem Davies, D.D., will conduct the service after which interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

4 CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Henry Harknett and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness shown, sympathy expressed and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a loving husband and father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Evans and Miss Rita H. Evans wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to their many friends, also fraternal organizations and Typographical Union, for acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a beloved brother and uncle, the late Mr. J. J. Randolph.

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78 HOUSES FOR SALE

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AN attractive bungalow of five rooms, with full cement basement. Fine garden containing 18 fruit trees, logans, raspberries, etc. Also garage and chicken house for 50 birds. Property is self-supporting and is an excellent bargain at $2000

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ATTRACTIVE four-room bungalow, consisting of living-room, kitchen and two bedrooms, three-piece bathroom, full-sized basement. Yearly taxes $14.94. Lot 52 x 173. Septic tank. High elevation. Reduced from $2,300 to only $1250

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NORTH QUADRA—HIGH ELEVATION
JUST COMPLETED
$2290

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— from —
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78 HOUSES FOR SALE (Continued)

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$1750—NEW stucco bungalow of 3 rooms, with open fireplace, 3-piece bathroom, half basement, separate garage. Taxes only $13.70. Standing on over half an acre of good soil. A real good buy.

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WELLINGTON COLLIERY RAILWAY COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company will be held at the office of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, Esplanade, Nanaimo, B.C., on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1937, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of Directors of said Company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business connected with and incidental to the undertaking of the Railway Company that may be dealt with at the annual general meeting of its shareholders.

Dated at Nanaimo, B.C., this 10th day of December, 1936.

JOHN H. STEVENS,
Secretary of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company.

A REAL GOOD BUY

OAK BAY, SOUTH OF AVENUE

This new five-room stucco bungalow, which is now nearly completed, has tiled kitchen, oak floors, lovely open fireplace, built on lot consisting of about ¼ acre. Low taxes. Price $2600

Terms

Arthur E. Haynes, Ltd.
725 FORT STREET

Independent Bargains

50 Acres of good land, part cleared, balance good pasture, black loam. Owner willing to sell tracts to suit purchaser. Good roads on two sides. This is well adapted for good homesites. Further particulars at our office. Good terms.

$850 WILL buy a good three-room bungalow, basement, pantry, fireplace, large sitting-room. Small lot. Saanich taxes. Terms.

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$250 Cash

Balance $25 Per Month, Including Interest

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Total Price, $1,100

P. R. BROWN & SONS, LTD.
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Small house of five rooms, all on one floor. Living-room and dining-room with fireplaces, kitchen and pantry; two bedrooms and bathroom. Newly decorated. Small basement. Convenient to schools and city. Complete with all furniture for the ridiculously low price of $750

(Come Early and Avoid the Rush)

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5-Roomed House, 1-4 Acre, $775

Modern Plumbing; Fruit; Taxes $18

Bargain for Someone, Furnished

Modern Country Home; $2850

2 Acres, Cosy Home, $750

Good Well. Electric Light. Taxes, $8

14 Acres, $2500, $1000 Down

8 Acres cleared. Three-roomed house. Very good barn for eight head and poultry house for 300; city water; bearing orchard, about two acres in strawberries and asparagus. Would trade for Vancouver house.

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SAANICH

ALL CITY CONVENIENCES, 3½-MILE circle, Saanich taxes. Delightful REVENUE-PRODUCING property of 3½ acres, in first-class order in every respect. The owner will include all furniture, fuel, tools, etc. Clean and ready to walk into; six rooms and bathroom; full basement and furnace; double garage; chicken houses. Price $4500

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STANDING IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN, with lawns, shrubs, fruit trees and facing south. Stucco semi-bungalow, containing two complete four-room suites and bathrooms; hot water heating, electric ranges, double garage, cement drive. Furniture at valuation. Owner living in one suite and renting one at $45 per month. Low taxes. Price slashed to effect sale. Owner leaving. Cost $8,500. Price now $4500

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ONE ACRE PRODUCTIVE SOIL IN garden, 20 fruit trees, all kinds of small fruits; chicken houses for 300; city water, electric light; four rooms and sunroom. Hardwood floors. On Highway. A most attractive home. Price reduced to $1900

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NEAR PARK AND SEA. A MOST desirable bungalow, glassed-in porch and six large rooms, including den with open fire, dining-room has built-in fixtures; large living-room, kitchen with tiled sink and cupboards; full cement basement, furnace and garage. Gas in. Cement walks. Everything like new. Owner leaving makes huge sacrifice at $2000

COLES, HOWELL & CO., LTD.
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Saanich bungalow, just completed, all modern features; cove ceiling; built-in bath, tiled sink, indirect lighting; cement basement, furnace, tubs. Large lot. Price $2400
on terms

Oak Bay bungalow, 7 rooms, 4 bedrooms; fine location, facing south, very large lot, close to beach and schools; construction first-class inside and out; all modern features; oak floors, indirect lighting, etc. Price $4200

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Extremely attractive new six-roomed stucco bungalow, one floor, containing all the finest and latest of modern features. All large rooms, hardwood floors in living-room, dining-room and hall; tile bathroom is a special feature. Hot-water heating, separate garage. Large lot, situated close to beach, schools and transportation. The price asked is only $4750, on terms that are easy, and a cheaper house will be accepted as part payment. Here is your chance to get an up-to-date bungalow and not have to wait until you sell your old house.

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41 Acres; 20 acres under cultivation; situated in one of the finest parts of Saanich. Owner will consider home in city, Oak Bay, or close-in Saanich. Waterfront stucco bungalow containing six rooms, cement basement, furnace, separate garage. Large lot. All in perfect condition and a bargain at only $17,500. Will accept cheaper house as part payment.

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A BEAUTIFUL

SEVEN-ROOM

FAIRFIELD BUNGALOW

A spotless bungalow home, like new in every respect; complete in every way, with full cement basement, furnace (cost to all rooms, laundry tubs, garage, fireplace in living-room, all light-polished floors, numerous special built-in features, electric fixtures, blinds, linoleum, etc.

ONLY $4700—TERMS
One-Third Cash, Balance Arranged
Discount for Half or All Cash
For Inspection, "See Key" Care of

L. M. ROSEVEAR & CO., LTD.
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For Sale—Saanich Property

In good location, close to city, five-roomed bungalow, with large rooms. Full cement basement. Hot air furnace. All in first-class condition. One acre all around under cultivation, most in raspberries and loganberry plantation. Nice rock garden. Taxes $30. Price $3500

50 ACRES OF GOOD WATER-FRONTAGE

About twenty miles from city, on good road. Two small cottages. Good water supply. Some good timber. Price $2000

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Oak Bay

READY FOR IMMEDIATE POSSESSION

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SAANICH

VERDIER AVENUE, near Brentwood. Three acres, all cleared. Seven-room house, basement, three-piece bathroom. Well, pump, pumphouse and other outbuildings. House needs some repairs. Price $1750

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OFF WILKINSON ROAD. Ten fine lots, good soil, nearly all cleared. Four-room cottage; two plumbing; two good wells. Price $1050

ROYAL OAK

EAST SAANICH ROAD. Large frontage on this main road. Some six acres good land, all cleared. Fine homesite. Price $2400

MOUNT DOUGLAS

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING PROPERTY. Five acres. Make two fine homesites. Very nicely treed; view of sea, good soil. City water close by. Price $1350

The B.C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd.
922 GOVERNMENT ST. G 4123

A Fully Modern Stucco Bungalow

On St. Patrick Street, Oak Bay

A brand new home of five rooms, only just completed. It is right up to the minute and complete with electric fixtures, inlaid linoleum, etc. This is really a splendid value at the very low price of

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Seven-roomed house, modern and in good condition. Nice locality. Price $1650
$200 cash will handle this, and balance as rent.

SAANICH SPECIAL

Five and one-half acres young orchard; 180 trees, apples, pears, cherries, plums, walnuts. Attractive little house. Situated on West Saanich Road, close to Butchart's Gardens. This property in condition for immediate possession. Very low price $1750

Taxes only $14

FAIRFIELD SPECIAL

A very attractive new stucco bungalow with all the modern improvements desired. High part of Fairfield $3500

Terms

DAVIS REALTY
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913 Sayward Bldg. Phone E 8613

CADBORO POINT

A new and substantially built bungalow, with a view of the sea and mountains; well sheltered, and fine trees, good garden, lawn, and a splendid vegetable patch, some rock.

Bungalow is of cedar siding, and comprises entrance hall, large living-room, open fireplace, large view window, panelled dining-room, very well-appointed kitchen, with numerous cupboards and bins; two bedrooms, good cupboards, each with a window; bathroom has all modern fixtures and fittings; one other room, which can be used either as a den or a third bedroom. Garage.

Price considerably reduced $4200

Christopher & Swayne, Ltd.
Broad and View Sts. Gardens 4191-4192

See me for information regarding the new Dominion housing scheme.

W. E. TAPLEY
Builder and Contractor
PHONE E 3422

LONDON (Reuters)—The Women's Amateur Athletic Association has forbidden women athletes to write, lecture or broadcast on athletics unless they are journalists by profession.

Marrying Justice of Yuma to Quit After Years on Union Job

Judge Freeman Recalls the Vows of Many Film Notables, Including Jean Harlow, Gloria Swanson and the Great Barrymore

By KARL B. ALLEN

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 26 (U.P.).—A stalwart, fifty-seven-year-old man, who gained nation-wide fame as Yuma's "Marryin' Justice" by marrying approximately 25,000 couples, leaned back in his chair today, puffed on his pipe and looked forward to retirement from a business "that is certain to turn your hair grey."

Nevertheless, Judge Earl A. Freeman reflected on his decade of marrying the nation's prominent and humble and decided he had done a pretty good job, at that.

"Over 99 per cent of my marriages are successful," he said proudly.

When Judge Freeman retires from office January 1, he will practise law in Yuma, with James Rolle as his partner. Former Constable Ed. M. Winn won election to Freeman's post when the "Marryin' Justice" decided he had had enough and did not "choose to run."

In addition to his law practice, Freeman will devote some time to assisting his wife in the management of her dairy.

MARRIED LORETTA YOUNG

Freeman first achieved national prominence in 1930 when on January 26 Loretta Young and Grant Withers raced from Hollywood film studios and were married. Their marriage ended in the divorce courts.

Recently Freeman was routed out of bed to pronounce the vows for Hollywood's "famous" John (Caliban) Barrymore and Elaine (Ariel) Barrie, whose romance crashed headlines last year during their cross-country "love chase," flew unexpectedly from Hollywood and Freeman married them at midnight.

It is this marriage that furnishes the judge with one of his many amusing memories of his career.

He tells of Barrymore "urging his bride to pick out the best coat and search the pockets of the rest." (Barrymore had to borrow the licence fee from Miss Barrie.)

REMEMBER COLBERT KISS

Other stories that Freeman likes to recount include the time Claudette Colbert kissed him after he married her to Dr. J. J. Pressman and when Dorothy Mackaill also implanted a "nice" kiss on his cheek after she married Neil Miller.

The movie folk, the judge admits, generally pay larger fees than the more humble who come to his home to say "I do." Sometimes they have paid as much as $40—and sometimes nothing.

Frequently, he recalls, many couples have dashed to Arizona's "Gretna Green" with only the $2 for the licence and "nothing for me—but that's all right."

However, Freeman is reputed to have amassed $150,000 from his career.

The experience has left the judge with a certain philosophy on marriage.

"When people get married, the most important thing in the whole world is for them to be really and truly in love," he explains. "They should then take an inventory of themselves, as we all have glaring faults and inherent weaknesses. If we each dissect ourselves, hunting out the faults and weaknesses, then carefully and religiously guard against their cropping out, we then are in a position to keep our matrimonial ship off the rocks.

KINDRED TRAITS STRESSED

"The same ambitions and same tastes and desires go further to build and strengthen our lives together."

The judge also is in a position to express force-bearing opinions about the famous "gin marriage" laws of California and Florida.

"I think there are two states in which gin marriage laws should be enforced—California and Florida. California is the playground of the West; Florida of the East. And it frequently happens in each of those states that people out on a party get to drinking and decide that each have found the one and only.

"If it were not for the gin marriage law they would be married before the glamorous effects of what they were drinking would die out and marriages of this kind almost invariably end in the divorce courts."

Incidentally, despite the judge's assertion that "99 per cent of my marriages are successful," he admits that when he establishes his law practice, he will accept clients for divorce among the couples he has married.

Most prominent among the couples he has married are:

Loretta Young and Grant Withers (January 26, 1930), Charles H. Over, Jr., and Betty Boyd (October 14, 1930), Mary Astor and Dr. Franklyn Thorpe (June 29, 1931), Richard Dix and Winifred Coe (October 20, 1931), Dorothy Mackaill and Neil Miller (November 3, 1931), Gloria Swanson and Michael Farmer (November 9, 1931), Sharon Lynn and Benjamin Glazer (January 16, 1932), Tom Mix and Mabel Hubbell (March 26, 1932).

TIED PUTNAM KNOT

Also Marjorie Rambeau and Francis A. Gudger (November 19, 1931), Nnia Wilcox Putnam and Arthur J. Ogle (September 12, 1931), Jean Harlow and Hal Rossen (October 15, 1933), Sally Eilers and Harry Joe Brown (October 22, 1933), Jerome Safron and Nancy Cornelius (October 31, 1933), Ralph Graves and Betty Flourney (June 28, 1934), Ralph Forbes and Heather Angel (August 30, 1934), Frank Laughton and Evelyn Laye (December 7, 1934), Tay Garnett and Helga Moray (April 1, 1935).

Also Rosita Moreno and Melville A. Schauer (April 2, 1935), Lili Damita and Errol Flynn (June 19, 1935), Claudette Colbert and Dr. J. J. Pressman (December 24, 1935), Benny Baker and Margery Chapin (January 2, 1936), Jack Oakie and Venita Varden (March 23, 1936), Alan Baxter and Barbara Williams (April 27, 1936), Rosa Alexander and Anna Dolan (September 17, 1936), and John Barrymore and Elaine Barrie (November 8, 1936).

Freeman's diversions are hunting and fishing and working on his ranch in the Yuma Valley.

He has a wife and five children. One son and daughter live at the family home here, attending public school. Another son is living in El Centro, Cal., another in Kingman, Ariz., and a daughter resides in San Diego, Cal.

BLESSINGS

Every man has some present blessing, but nearly all men dwell on some past blunder, and with this mud in their minds, they look over into the future for more trouble.

Eliminates Hard Work

Greatest obstacle to the enjoyment of skiing is the walk back up the mountainside. This is eliminated by the Suvretta ski-lift at St. Moritz, Switzerland, which takes the skier to an altitude of 8,000 feet in a few minutes. Here you see a skier making the trip back in the device.

FIRST LAND LINE RECALLED

Collins' Overland Telegraph Ended With Wire Used For Fencing Farms

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (C.P.).—Weather-worn steel wire, strung along fence posts in settlements up British Columbia's coast today stood as a corroded monument to one of the most ambitious overland communication systems ever undertaken.

The straggling lines of wire, fencing in cattle in the rocky inland terrain, were all that remained of the Collins Overland Telegraph Company—dream of a United States Consulate Attache in Vladivostock of a wire communication connecting Europe with America by way of the Bering Strait.

Today, more than seventy years after Attache Collins saw his vision of a telegraphic Northwest passage linking New York with the principal cities of Europe well on its way toward materialization, only remnants remain. The construction came to an abrupt halt at Telegraph Creek, in British Columbia's north, when news arrived that the Atlantic cable had been laid.

John Dore, superintendent of the Dominion Government Telegraph Service here has been along the trail of the abortive line, but says what fragments are left have been scattered over a wide area.

WHERE IT WENT TO

Indian squaws have used bits of it for clotheslines. Indians at Hagilwet Canyon made a suspension bridge mainly of the abandoned wire to span the crevice but that disappeared ten years ago. Those fragments that haven't been used for fencing lie strewn along the sides of the Skeena River and occasionally linemen still pick them up and send them to the office here.

John McMurphy, of New Westminster, who was with the party that laid the overland line for 1,500 miles, remembers vividly some of the hardships that beset the pioneers including a narrowly-averted brush with the Indians.

"There must have been at least 500 Indians when they surrounded our camp late one night. We gave the chief a new pipe and filled it with tobacco in his presence but he smoked it only after some hesitation. We gave the others trinkets and they agreed we could pass through their land on condition we didn't shoot with firearms and wouldn't molest their women. Of course we agreed."

It was shortly after that, when the outfit finally reached Telegraph Creek, word came over the wire that the Atlantic cable had been successful. "That meant the end of the trail for us."

THE FIRST MESSAGE

While the project was abandoned, the wire already established was put to commercial use. Superintendent Dore has a photostatic copy of what may have been the first message transmitted over the line.

On an elaborately decorated telegram blank, dated April 23, 1868, the message is addressed to "Mr. Williams, the Hudson's Bay Company, Quesnel," and asks tersely: "Have you one hundred and fifty cheap tobacco suitable for washing sheep?" The historic document is signed by T. Harper, Soda Creek, B.C.

When the Dominion Government penetrated the same country at the turn of the century, part of the line put up by the Collins Overland Telegraph Company was absorbed into the new system. The line was extended through to Dawson, Yukon Territory, and still operates.

Mr. Dore thinks the Collins system would have been successful, though it was a pretty round-about way of reaching Europe. Floods, storms and heavy snows keep linemen busy as it is trouble-shooting on the present extension into Dawson.

Bears, too, are a hazard.

"Brown bears get into the unoccupied testing stations and wreck the place," Dore explained. "You never know what they are going to play around with, but they usually paw over the testing apparatus, breaking the circuit."

"Bears are very erratic, you know," Dore added.

FORESTRY SHOWS STEADY ADVANCE

Dominion Minister Presents Figures Of Year's Output That Indicate Economic Recovery

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (C.P.).—Forest industries are making a major contribution to Canada's movement towards economic recovery, in the opinion of Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources.

The national income from forest industries in the year 1936 has been estimated at close to $250,000,000, compared with $197,783,000 in 1935. Increased newsprint production and expansion in the export of lumber, particularly from British Columbia, account for the improvement.

"There is every indication that our exports of these products in 1936 will exceed by a wide margin those of recent years. During the last fiscal year the exports of wood, wood products and paper were valued at $181,832,000, and imports at $23,272,000, providing a favorable balance of $158,560,000," said Mr. Crerar.

DOMESTIC DEMAND

The domestic demand for lumber had been rather slow to respond to the general economic advance, he added, but it was expected this demand would be materially increased by activities under the Dominion Housing Act and the home improvement plan inaugurated by the Dominion Government.

In the organization of the new Department of Mines and Resources the Dominion Forest Service continues as a unit of the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch. It will investigate problems connected with the proper management of Canadian forests and with the manufacture and marketing of forest products.

Field studies are being conducted principally at five forest experimental stations established in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces respectively, supplemented by work elsewhere in co-operation with the forest products industry and the provincial authorities.

Timber utilization problems are being looked after in the three forest products laboratories. The main laboratories are at Ottawa.

LAST MEMBER OF FAMOUS FAMILY

Mrs. Catherine O'Leary Ledwell Dead at Chicago—Mother's Cow Blamed for Fire

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (A.P.).—Mrs. Catherine O'Leary Ledwell, seventy, last member of the O'Leary family whose cow some say started the Chicago fire, died last night.

Mrs. Ledwell always denied the legend that the O'Leary cow kicked over a lamp in their barn and touched off the great blaze in 1871.

She declared they first learned of the fire at 8 o'clock, when Denis Sullivan, "the one-legged drayman from next door," discovered it in the barn.

"That's the first we knew of the fire," she always said. "No one had been up. I know mother didn't milk the cow after 8 o'clock."

Mrs. Ledwell theorized that young bloods of the neighborhood who sometimes drank beer in the loft of the O'Leary barn had left a cigar butt smouldering in the hay.

The banana tree begins to bloom about two years after it is established and the fruit ripens quickly.

STUDY STARS DURING YEAR

Giant Telescope at Toronto Makes Important Observations Every Day

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (C.P.).—The painstaking work of consolidating the advances of science in the outer realms of space has been the work of the David Dunlap Observatory during the past year, Professor C. A. Chant, Director of the Observatory, revealed here today.

Every night the great telescope, second largest in the world, swings to fix upon a different star. Each is so faint that the Dunlap telescope, at Richmond Hill, north of here, is one of the few man-made instruments in the world that can reach it.

The actual observation is done by photographic plates. In the case of stellar bodies which are a few million miles or so away, such as the sun or the planet Mars, the huge telescope must be timed to move with the star, otherwise a white streak on the plate would result.

MANY YEARS AWAY

But the stars which have been observed by the observatory staff in 1936 were millions of light-years away. (A light-year is the distance light travels in one year, proceeding roughly at the rate of 186,000 miles a second.) Consequently little or no movement of the telescope was necessary in recording these distant stars.

The job of Professor Chant and his associates has been, by means of spectrum analysis, to classify, analyze, weigh and estimate the speed of these very faint stars, many of which were discovered in recent years.

By breaking up the white light from these stars into its component colors, producing a spectrum, it is possible, by means of intricate mathematical formulae, to obtain the desired results. Thus, every element has a known line in the spectrum, and by this means helium was first discovered in the spectrum of the sun before it had been found on earth.

Brightness of a star determines its magnitude, and each stellar body is classified according to the amount of light it gives out. By means of measurements of the Doppler effect, a shifting of the bright lines toward each and of the spectrum, if the star is moving in the line of sight of the observer. It is possible to discover whether or not the star is coming or going.

Sometimes a star's spectrum shows something peculiar when it is analyzed, Professor Chant said. Then special attention is paid to the tiny point of light to find exactly what is causing the unusual effects.

Delicate scientific instruments come into play as the work in the observatory goes on, with three photographs being taken every hour. In all, 1,500 photographic plates have been made this year, Professor Chant said, charting the outermost limits of the universe.

FRENCH TRAINS CARRY CABARET

Dancing and Wines While Traveling at a Mile a Minute

PARIS (U.P.).—Dancing, Montmartre night life and excellent wines can now be enjoyed while traveling at sixty miles an hour by train, through the chateau and wine districts of central France.

This specially equipped train leaves Paris early every Sunday morning and the first stop is at Vouvray, quaint town enjoying worldwide fame for its piquant wines. There the passengers are invited to partake in the wine harvest and taste the new wines. Various vineyards and wine cellars are visited and at noon the passengers meet for a sumptuous luncheon.

After lunch, the tourists are taken to several other towns in the Touraine district, where they are accorded the opportunity to see and admire the prosperous wine country.

After dinner, the humorists and song writers from Montmartre who accompany the tourists provide a cabaret show with dancing which keeps everyone in good spirits until the train reaches Paris about midnight.

This "Omar Khayyam Special" is an extension of the already existing Sunday popular trains, which cover great distances accompanied by a lecturer who describes the country, his voice being transmitted to every coach by a loudspeaker.

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AROUND the DIAL

TODAY

10:30 a.m.—The Archbishop of Sweden, Erlin Eidem, will be heard in this country over the N.B.C.-Blue chain in an international broadcast from Stockholm. KJR.

12:30 p.m.—A political comedy, "The Desperate Remedy," will be presented on the "Grand Hotel" dramatic programme. KOMO

2 p.m.—A newspaperman who was the first to see Amos 'n' Andy in action, and others with unusual stories to tell, will be interviewed by Phil Lord on his "We, the People" programme. KJR.

2:30 p.m.—Colonel Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle and his assistant, Budd, will make merry with a belated play about Christmas on their half-hour comedy show. KOMO.

3 p.m.—Joe Penner, in his role of the "black sheep" of the "Park Avenue Penners" will present his regular cast of entertainers, including Jimmy Grier's orchestra, Gene Austin and Cocoa and Candy. KOL, KVI.

6 p.m.—"Forging Song," from Wagner's "Siegfried"; "Heimliche Aufforderung" and "Zueignung," by Strauss, will be solos of Lauritz Melchoir, distinguished Metropolitan Opera tenor, during a broadcast of the "Sunday Evening Hour." The Ford Symphony Orchestra will play Beethoven's overture to "Coriolanus"; Intermezzo from "Goyescas"; Berceuse and finale to Stravinsky's "The Firebird"; overture to Wagner's "Tannhauser," and "Lead On, O King Eternal." KOL, KVI, KSL.

7 p.m.—Two Metropolitan Opera stars, Elisabeth Rethberg, soprano, and Ezio Pinza, basso, will be soloists with Erno Rapee's Symphony Orchestra on the "G. M. Concert." The orchestra will play Farandole from Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite, No. 9"; second movement from Tschaikovsky's "Pathetique Symphony"; excerpts from Deems Taylor's "Circus Days" and "Polovetsian Dances," from Borodin's "Prince Igor." Pinza will sing "Le Veau d'Or," from Gounod's "Faust," while Miss Rethberg will sing as her solos, "Serenade," by Richard Strauss, and Schubert's "Wohin." Together they will sing the duet from Mozart's "Don Juan" and the duet from Verdi's "La Forza del Destino." KOMO.

7 p.m.—Edwin C. Hill, in his role of the Spectator, will review the New Year's celebrations of yesteryear during his thirty-minute programme. KJR.

8 p.m.—Eddie Cantor and his company will celebrate Christmas with a half-hour of fun and nonsense. KOL, KVI, KSL.

8:30 p.m.—Jack Benny will "make-up" with Phil Harris on the jester's programme, with Mary Livingstone, Don Wilson and Kenny Baker. Harris' orchestra will supply the music. KOMO.

9 p.m.—"Serenade to the Night"; "Come Back to Erin," featuring Bill Fletcher, and "Tea on the Terrace" will be selections given prominent spots on the "Sunday Smiles" programme. CFCT.

MONDAY

12 noon—Miss Fannie Holzman, internationally-known woman lawyer, and Andrew Goodman, fashion expert, will be heard as guest artists on the "Magazine of the Air" programme via Columbia. KOL, KVI.

12:30 p.m.—Mendelssohn's "Scotch" Symphony and "Bohemian Scenes" from Bizet's "La Jolie Dill de Perth" will be presented by the Rochester Civic Orchestra during this half-hour N.B.C.-Blue chain programme. KJR.

12:30 p.m.—Mme. Lydia Hoffman-Behrendt, famous concert pianist and interpreter of modern music, will be presented on Columbia's "Modern Masters" broadcast in a special programme of works by Arnold Schoenberg. KOL, KVI.

6 p.m.—A radio version of the outstanding musical success by Noel Coward, "Cavalcade," with Herbert Marshall and Madeleine Carroll in leading roles, will be presented by Cecil B. deMille on the "Radio Theatre" programme. KOL, KVI.

8:30 p.m.—Gounod's "Ring Out, Wild Bells"; Siecynski's "Someone Will Make You Smile"; "La Donna e Mobile" from Verdi's "Rigoletto," and "Killarney" will be numbers featured by Richard Crooks, tenor, on his broadcast with Margaret Speaks, soprano, on the "Voice of Firestone" programme. KOMO.

9 p.m.—The Colonist news. CFCT.

9:30 p.m.—A new crisis confronts Helen Hayes in "Heart Murmurs," fourteenth episode in her radio serial, "Bambi," to be presented over the N.B.C. blue network. KJR.

9:30 p.m.—Pat O'Malley, who was featured in "Sam Small Stories," and "Little Albert" and Alec Templeton, the blind pianist, both stars of Jack Hylton's "Continental Revue," will be guest artists with Dick Himber's Orchestra during this N.B.C. red network production.

Sunday's Programme

CFCT, Victoria, B.C. (1150 Keys.)

11 00 a.m.—Christ Church Cathedral.
4 00 p.m.—Sunday Afternoon Concert.
4 30 p.m.—Christian Science Devotional
5 00 p.m.—Pentecostal Christmas Programme.
6 30 p.m.—Gospel Sunshine Hour.
7 00 p.m.—Sunset Serenade.
7 30 p.m.—Christ Church Cathedral.
8 45 p.m.—Evening Reveries.
9 00 p.m.—Sunday Smiles.

CJOR, Vancouver, B.C. (600 Keys.)

9 30 a.m.—Spencer Hour.
11 00 a.m.—Metropolitan Tabernacle.
1 30 p.m.—For Shut-Ins, S. Miller.
3 00 p.m.—Cariboo Cowboys.
3 00 p.m.—Cyril Trott's Music and Song.
3 15 p.m.—Foursquare Gospel Lighthouse.
4 30 p.m.—Zion Tabernacle.
5 15 p.m.—British-Israel Lecture.
6 15 p.m.—News Flashes.
6 30 p.m.—Ports of Call.
7 30 p.m.—Christ Church Cathedral.
9 00 p.m.—Opportunity Parade.

CKWX, Vancouver, B.C. (1010 Keys.)

9 00 a.m.—Recordings.
9 30 a.m.—"Radio News" Father and Son Programme.
10 30 a.m.—Classical Gems.
1 00 p.m.—Billy Browne's Brevities.
2 00 p.m.—Correctal Better Vision Presents Pro Arte Trio.
3 30 p.m.—Moving Stories of Life.
4 30 p.m.—Gems of Melody.
6 15 p.m.—Nocturne.
8 00 p.m.—Concert Caravan.
8 30 p.m.—Great Britain Today, talk.
8 55 p.m.—Yost-Yorgeson, comedy.
7 30 p.m.—Dramatic Medley by Tremaine Gerstaine and Barbara Tremaine.
8 00 p.m.—The Song Pedlar.
9 15 p.m.—Cheria and Rod.
8 30 p.m.—News Flashes.
8 45 p.m.—Sons of Pioneers.
9 00 p.m.—Home Hour of Music, Director Calvin Winter.
10 00 p.m.—Boultbee Safety Specialists.

CRCV, Vancouver, B.C. (1100 Keys.)

12 00 noon—Sea C.R.C. network, except:
9 00 p.m.—Home Hour of Music, Director Calvin Winter.

CKMO, Vancouver, B.C. (1410 Keys.)

8 00 a.m.—Toast and Coffee.
9 00 a.m.—Vocal Favorites.
9 30 a.m.—Sacred Music.
10 00 a.m.—Musical Gems.
5 30 p.m.—The Wayside Pulpit.
8 15 p.m.—British Empire Programme.
8 45 p.m.—British Recordings.
7 00 p.m.—Tom Douglas Programme.
9 00 p.m.—Gerden of Memories, narrator.
9 30 p.m.—Surprise Programme.
10 00 p.m.—Brides of Dreams, organ.

KNX, Hollywood, Cal. (1050 Keys.)

6 20 p.m.—Rev. C. E. Fuller.
7 30 p.m.—Musical.
8 00 p.m.—Frost Warnings.
8 05 p.m.—Presbyterian Church.
9 00 p.m.—News Flashes.
9 15 p.m.—Morean Family.
10 15 p.m.—Tommy Tucker's Orchestra.
10 45 p.m.—Larry Lee's Orchestra.
11 15 p.m.—Sunday Evening Dancing.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION NETWORK

12 00 noon—New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, Director John Barbirolli, C.B.S.
3 00 p.m.—Vesper Hour.
3 00 p.m.—And It Came to Pass, Bible drama, Director Rupert Caplan, Montreal.
3 30 p.m.—Dr. H. L. Stewart Reviews the News, Halifax.
3 45 p.m.—Penumbra. Juliette Drouin, harp; Paul Herous, accordion; Montreal.
4 00 p.m.—Professor Quiz and His Brainbusters, New York, C.B.S.
4 30 p.m.—Western Cathedral Singers, director, Mason Jull, Vancouver.
5 00 p.m.—News Reporter, Vancouver (B.C. Network).
5 00 p.m.—Music for Today, Morton Gould, Larry Taylor, New York (British Columbia 5.15).
6 30 p.m.—Jewels of the Madonna, Orchestra, Director Percy Harvey; Jean da Rimanocez, violin; Kitty Hamilton, mezzo-soprano; Vancouver.
6 00 p.m.—Forgotten Footsteps, drama, Toronto.
7 00 p.m.—Atlantic Nocturne, J. Frank Willis, Allan Reid, organ; Leon Boisvostsky, violin; Halifax.
7 30 p.m.—William Morton, tenor, Toronto.
7 45 p.m.—Canadian Press News and Weather, Toronto.
8 00 p.m.—Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Time Signal, Ottawa.
8 00 p.m.—Sweet and Low, Director Mart Kenney, Vancouver.
8 30 p.m.—From the Drawing Room, Winnipeg.
9 00 p.m.—Driftwood, Allan Caron, organ; Ralph Judge, tenor; trio, Winnipeg (not CRCV).
10 00 p.m.—News, Vancouver (British Columbia Network).

N.B.C.-KPO RED NETWORK (KHQ, KGW, KFI, KPO, KOMO)

8 00 a.m.—News Flashes.
8 05 a.m.—Ward and Muzzy, piano duo.
8 15 a.m.—Peerless Trio, vocal.
8 30 e.m.—The World is Yours, drama, auspices Smithsonian Institute.
8 00 a.m.—Moscow Sleigh Bells.
9 30 a.m.—Round Table Discussion, University of Chicago.
10 00 a.m.—Muriel Wilson, soprano; Fred Kaufmann, tenor.
10 30 a.m.—Muriel Dickson, Morton Bowe, Cavaliers Quartette, Vic Arden's Orchestra.
11 00 a.m.—Nobel Cain and A Cappella Choir.
11 30 a.m.—Spiritual Fantasy, Southern Harmony Four.
12 00 noon—Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air.
13 30 p.m.—Grand Hotel, drama, with Anna Seymour.
1 00 p.m.—Sunday Special, Castle Craigmont, Ivory, Sons of Life drama, Hazel Warner, Velvet Violin, Charles Runyan, "Col" Rod.
1 30 p.m.—1867 Musical Camera Programme, Willie Morris, chorus, concert orchestra, Director Josef Chermansky.
3 00 p.m.—Merlon Talley, soprano, music director Josef Koestner.
3 00 p.m.—Catholic Hour, speakers, music.
4 30 p.m.—The Bekers Broadcast; Robert L. Ripley, Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
5 00 p.m.—"Do You Want to Be An Actor."

C.B.S.-DON LEE NETWORK (KVI, KFRC, KOIN, KSL, KOL)

6 00 a.m.—Harmonies in Contrast.
6 30 a.m.—Major Bowes' Capitol Theatre Family.
3 30 a.m.—Salt Lake City Tabernacle Choir and Organ.
10 00 a.m.—Church of the Air.
10 30 a.m.—Christmas Toys Broadcast, Czecho-Slovakia.
11 00 a.m.—B.B.C. Carol Singers from London.
11 30 a.m.—Momenta Musicale (KOL).
12 00 noon—New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, Director J. Barbirolli.
3 05 p.m.—On Wings of Song, Alma Sheasgreen and Virginia Johnson, piano duo.
3 45 p.m.—Melody, Hesedus and Cartar (KVI).
3 00 p.m.—Joe Penner, comedian, Jimmie Grier's Orchestra.
3 30 p.m.—Rubinoff, Virginia Rea, Jan Peerce.
4 00 p.m.—Professor Quiz and His Brainbusters.
4 30 p.m.—Don Lee Radio Theatre.
6 00 p.m.—Nelson Eddy, baritone; Frances White, soprano; Josef Pasternack's Orchestra.
3 00 p.m.—Sunday Evening Hour, Jose Hurbi, director.
7 00 p.m.—Community Sing, Milton Berle, Wendall Hall, Jones and Hare.
3 00 p.m.—Radio City Music Hall Symphony Orchestra.
10 30 a.m.—Our Neighbors, Interviews.
11 00 a.m.—The Radio Key of B.C.A., guest artists, John B. Kennedy, Milton J. Cross, Orchestra, Director Frank Black.
13 00 noon—Your English, music, drama.
12 45 p.m.—Dorothy Dreslin, soprano; concert orchestra.
1 00 p.m.—Sunday Vespers, guest speaker.
3 00 p.m.—We, the People, Director Phillips Lord.
3 30 p.m.—Stoopnagle and Budd, Don Vorhees' Orchestra.
5 00 p.m.—To be announced.
5 30 p.m.—Royal Hawaiian Band.
9 00 p.m.—Walter Winchell, Broadway Gossip.
6 15 p.m.—Paul Whiteman's Musical Variety, Ramona, Roy Baraz, Durelle Alexander, Bob Lawrence, Judy Canova, The King's Men.
7 00 p.m.—Behind the Headlines, Edwin C. Hill.
7 30 p.m.—Romance of '76, Revolution drama.
7 30 p.m.—Tales of California (KGO).
6 00 p.m.—Rudy Seizer's Concert Orchestra.
8 30 p.m.—Frankia Masters' Orchestra.
9 00 p.m.—Reader's Guide, Janet Baird.
9 30 p.m.—Eddie Fitzpatrick Jr.'s Orchestra.
10 00 p.m.—Bernie Cummin's Orchestra.
10 30 p.m.—Firefight Fantasies, Instrumentalists.
11 00 p.m.—Charles Runyan, organ concert.

CBR, Vancouver, B.C. (1,010 keys.)

6 00 p.m.—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, Pierre Le Kreun, Rachel Carley, Men About Town, Andy Sanella's Orchestra.
3 30 p.m.—Album of Familiar Music, Frank Munn, Lucy Monroe, Arden and Arden, Amsterdam Chorus, Bertrand Hirsch, Gustava Haenschen's Orchestra.
7 00 p.m.—General Motors Concert, Director Erno Rapee.
6 00 p.m.—Morin Sisters and Ranch Boys.
6 15 p.m.—Vincent Travar's Orchestra.
6 15 p.m.—John Wolfa and Clarence Hayes (KPO).
8 30 p.m.—Jack Benny's Show, Mary Livingstone, Don Wilson, Kenny Baker, Phil Harris Orchestra.
9 00 p.m.—John Nesbitt's Passing Parade.
9 15 p.m.—Night Editor, Hal Burdick.
9 30 p.m.—One Man's Family, Carlton Morse drama.
10 00 p.m.—News Flashes, Sam Hayes.
10 16 p.m.—Bridge to Dreamland, Paul Carson.
11 00 p.m.—Herb Saman's Orchestra.
11 30 p.m.—Reverles, instrumental.

N.B.C.-KGO BLUE NETWORK (KGO, KJR, KEX, KECA, KOA)

6 05 a.m.—Alice Remsen, contralto.
9 15 a.m.—International Broadcast from B.B.C., London, Allstaire Cooke.
8 30 a.m.—Paul Carson, organist.
9 30 a.m.—Radio City Music Hall Symphony Orchestra.
10 30 a.m.—Our Neighbors, Interviews.
11 00 a.m.—The Radio Key of B.C.A., guest artists, John B. Kennedy, Milton J. Cross, Orchestra, Director Frank Black.
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11 00 p.m.—Charles Runyan, organ concert.
7 45 p.m.—Canadian Press News and Weather, Toronto.
6 00 p.m.—C.B.C. Time Signal, Ottawa.
6 00 p.m.—Youngbloods of Beavar Bend, dramatic serial, Winnipeg.
3 30 p.m.—Adventuring in Poetry, Arthur Hoole, Winnipeg (not CRCV, CHWK).
6 45 p.m.—Book Review, James Stuart Wood, Prince Albert.
9 00 p.m.—Rhythm Rebels, Winnipeg.
9 30 p.m.—To an Evening Star, orchestra director, Tom Gardiner, Edmonton (not CRCV).
10 00 p.m.—News, Vancouver (B.C. Network).
10 15 p.m.—Pete Cowan's Old Time Orchestra, Vancouver (B.C. Network).

N.B.C.-KPO RED NETWORK KHQ-KGW-KFI-KPO-KOMO

8 00 a.m.—Financial Service.
8 45 a.m.—Voice of Experience, advice.
9 15 a.m.—Story of Mary Marlin, drama.
9 30 a.m.—How to Be Charmine, beauty talk.
9 45 a.m.—Rosa Lee, soprano.
10 00 a.m.—Jos White, tenor.
10 15 a.m.—Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, drama.
10 30 a.m.—John's Other Wife, drama.
10 45 a.m.—Just Plain Bill, drama.
11 30 a.m.—Jane Courtland, concert pianist.
12 00 noon—Pepper Young's Family, drama.
12 15 p.m.—Ma Perkins, with Virginia Payne, drama.
12 30 p.m.—Vic and Sade, comedy.
12 45 p.m.—The O'Neills, drama.
1 00 p.m.—Hour of Charm, Phil Spitelny's All-Girl Orchestra.
1 30 p.m.—Claudine MacDonald Says—
1 45 p.m.—Grandpa Burton, humorous sketch.
3 15 p.m.—Helen Jane Behike, contralto
3 30 p.m.—Irma Glen, organist.
3 45 p.m.—Town Tattlers' Orchestra
3 00 p.m.—Woman's Message of the Air, Benny Walker, editor, Percy Perlwinkle, Betty Kelly, Irvine Kennedy, Four Pases, Josef Hornik's Orchestra.
4 00 p.m.—Hal Totten on Sports
4 30 p.m.—Flying Time, aviation drama.
4 45 p.m.—Pictorial, Rush Hushes
5 00 p.m.—Tea Time Melodies.
5 30 p.m.—Crosscuts from Log o' the Day
6 00 p.m.—30,000 Years in Sing Sing, Warden Lawes, drama.
6 30 p.m.—Stringtime, instrumental.
6 45 p.m.—Sports Forum (KPO).
7 00 p.m.—Contented Proeramme, quartette, Lum and Abner.
7 30 p.m.—Hawthorne House, drama
8 00 p.m.—Amos 'n' Andy.
8 15 p.m.—Lum and Abner, rural drama
8 30 p.m.—Voice of Firestone, William Daly's Orchestra, guest artist.
9 00 p.m.—Fibber McGee and Molly, comedy.
9 30 p.m.—Richard Himber and his orchestra.
10 00 p.m.—News Flashes, Sam Hayes.
10 15 p.m.—To be announced
10 30 p.m.—Griff Williams' Orchestra.
11 15 p.m.—Jen Garber's Orchestra
11 30 p.m.—Reveries, Instrumentalists.

N.B.C.-KGO BLUE NETWORK KGO-KJR-KEX-KECA-KOA

6 00 a.m.—Charles Sears, tenor, orchestra
8 15 a.m.—The Vagabonds, quartette.
8 30 a.m.—Edna Fischer, pianist.
8 45 a.m.—Edward Marlbush, gospel singer
10 45 a.m.—Dot and Will, dramatization.
11 00 a.m.—U.S. Navy Band, director, Chas Benter.
11 30 a.m.—Western Farm and Home Hour, talks; John and Molly Farmer, serial.
13 33 p.m.—Rochester Civic Orchestra, director, Guy Fraser Harrison
1 00 p.m.—Madge Marley and Carl Landt.
1 30 p.m.—Leo and Ken, comedy, songs
1 45 p.m.—Young Dickory, dramatic serial
3 00 p.m.—Let's Talk It Over, Anne Hard, commentator; Alma Kitchell, contralto.
2 30 p.m.—The Dictators, instrumental, vocal
2 45 p.m.—Three Scamps, vocal trio
3 00 p.m.—U.S. Army Band, director, Captain T. F. Darcy
3 25 p.m.—The Answer Man
3 35 p.m.—Three X Sisters, vocal trio.
3 45 p.m.—Happy Jack, songs
4 15 p.m.—Bushouse Rhythm, director, Dr. John Brunker Meakin, O Archibald Presby, commentator.
4 30 p.m.—John Herrick, baritone.
6 00 p.m.—Sunset Melodies, instrumental; director, Louis Ford.
6 30 p.m.—Sharps and Flats, piano duo.
6 00 p.m.—Dinner Concert.
6 30 p.m.—Jack Pearl as Baron Munchausen, Cliff Hall as Sharlie, Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra, Morton Borne, Edythe Wright, Jack Leonard and Three Esquires.
7 00 p.m.—Sinain' Sam, the Berbasol Man
7 15 p.m.—Music Is My Hobby, nonprofessional
7 30 p.m.—National Radio Forum
8 00 p.m.—Frankie Masters' Orchestra.
9 15 p.m.—Ink Spots, negro male quartette.
8 30 p.m.—Stanford University Programme
8 45 p.m.—Unela Erre's Radio Station EZRA
9 00 p.m.—Russian Rhapsody, songs, instrumental
9 30 p.m.—Bambi, dramatic serial with Helen Hayes
10 00 p.m.—Han Wilde's Orchestra
10 30 p.m.—Jimmy Grier's Orchestra
11 00 p.m.—Paul Carson, organist

C.B.S.-DON LEE NETWORK KVI-KFRC-KOIN-KSL-KOL

8 45 a.m.—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe.
9 30 a.m.—Romance of Helen Trent drama.
9 45 a.m.—Rich Man's Darling, drama
10 00 a.m.—Gold Medal Hour, Batty and Bob, Modern Cinderella; John K. Watkins' news, Betty Crocker, recipes, Hymns of All Churches.
11 00 a.m.—The Big Sister, drama.
11 15 a.m.—Emery Deutsch, Romany Trail
11 30 a.m.—Association for the Advancement of Science, Programme
11 45 a.m.—Happy Hollow, drama (KVI).
13 00 noon—Magazine of the Air, Trouble House, drama.
1 00 p.m.—Dramatization of Works of Literature (KVI)
1 45 p.m.—Chicago Variety Hour.
2 00 p.m.—Milton Charles, organist.
2 15 p.m.—University of the Air (KOL).
3 30 p.m.—News Through a Woman's Eyes, Kathryn Craven.
3 45 p.m.—Wilderness Road, dramatic sketch (KVI).
3 00 p.m.—Feminine Fancies.
3 30 p.m.—Press-Radio News (KOL).
3 35 p.m.—George Hall's Orchestra (KOL)
4 00 p.m.—Nita White and Walter Ruick
4 15 p.m.—Tony D'Orasi (KOL),
4 30 p.m.—Radio University.
4 45 p.m.—Melody Muse.
5 00 p.m.—Signor Alberto's Continentals
5 45 p.m.—Moonglow Melodies.
6 00 p.m.—Radio Theatre, director, Cecil B. deMille.
7 00 p.m.—Wayne King's Orchestra.
7 45 p.m.—Goose Creek Parson, drama and music.
6 00 p.m.—Poetic Melodies, poems, tenor.

Monday's Programme

CFCT, Victoria, B.C. (1,150 kcs.)

7 30 a.m.—Rise and Shine.
8 00 a.m.—Timely Topics, Dr. Davies.
8 15 a.m.—World News.
8 30 a.m.—Musical Chronometer.
8 45 a.m.—Travelling, E. Marshall.
9 00 a.m.—Musical Kiosk.
9 15 a.m.—Royal Air Force Band
9 30 a.m.—Financial Flashes, Hugh Allan
9 40 a.m.—Sona Souvenirs.
10 00 a.m.—Road to Happiness
10 15 a.m.—Health Kelleyerama
10 30 a.m.—Art Farey at the Piano.
11 00 a.m.—Classic Album.
11 30 a.m.—Modernistic Moods.
13 00 noon—Treasure Chest.
12 15 p.m.—World Book Men.
12 30 p.m.—Marion Talley.
13 30 p.m.—CFCT Noon Flashes.
12 45 p.m.—Waite Time.
1 00 p.m.—Daily Monitor.
6 30 p.m.—Radio Birthday Party
9 15 p.m.—World Dances.
8 30 p.m.—Music Lovers' Corner.
6 45 p.m.—Supper Concert.
7 00 p.m.—Cacil Boulter.
7 15 p.m.—Ray Noble's Orchestra.
7 30 p.m.—Spanner's Serenade.
6 00 p.m.—Curley's Harvesters.
8 30 p.m.—Better Music Hour.
9 00 p.m.—Colonist Radio Reporter.
11 30 p.m.—Midnight DX Proeramme.

CJOR, Vancouver, B.C. (600 kcys.)

8 00 a.m.—News Flashes.
8 30 a.m.—News Flashes.
8 30 a.m.—Winifred Rensorth, organist.
9 00 a.m.—Dad's Cookie Kids
9 15 a.m.—For Shut-Ins, S. Miller.
10 00 a.m.—News Flashes.
11 15 a.m.—Personal Columns of the Air
13 10 p.m.—Stock Reports
12 15 p.m.—Ma Perkins, skit.
13 30 p.m.—News Flashes.
13 35 p.m.—Cloverdale Programme.
1 30 p.m.—Women's Air Column
3 15 p.m.—Stock Reports
3 45 p.m.—Sid Mullett, pianist.
5 10 p.m.—News Flashes.
6 15 p.m.—News Flashes.
7 00 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7 30 p.m.—Pineneil Talk
7 45 p.m.—Bernard Braden, sonas
8 00 p.m.—Monitor News Comments.
8 15 p.m.—Cariboo Cowboys
8 30 p.m.—Sports Broadcast.
10 35 p.m.—News Flashes.
10 30 p.m.—Monty Richardson
11 00 p.m.—Pete Cowen's Old Timers.
11 30 p.m.—Cariboo Cowboys.
11 45 p.m.—Slumber Hour.

CKWX, Vancouver, B.C. (1,010 keys.)

6 15 a.m.—Radio News Father and Son Programme.
8 15 a.m.—Breakfast Hour, Jim and Jane.
8 15 a.m.—Today's Almanac.
10 30 a.m.—Rex Battle's Orchestra.
11 00 a.m.—Morris Redio Gym
12 05 p.m.—Newspaper of the Air
12 15 p.m.—Ernest J. Colton, baritone.
3 00 p.m.—Bill Browne's Brevities.
3 00 p.m.—The Symphony Hour.
4 00 p.m.—What's New, Mme. Julietta
4 45 p.m.—Secrets of Happiness.
6 00 p.m.—What's Behind the News.
6 15 p.m.—Famous Players' Programme.
8 30 p.m.—Newspaper of the Air

CRCV, Vancouver, B.C. (1,100 keys.)

5 00 p.m.—Tea Time Tunes.
9 30 p.m.—Sea C.B.C. Network, except:
8 50 p.m.—B.C. Electric Farm Talk.
9 30 p.m.—Radio Forum of C.C.F.

CKMO, Vancouver, B.C. (1,410 keys.)

8 00 a.m.—Toast and Coffee.
8 15 a.m.—News Flashes.
8 45 a.m.—Sprott-Shaw School Proeramme
9 45 a.m.—Alen Thompson, organist.
9 45 a.m.—The Shadow.
11 30 a.m.—Organ Mystery Proeramme
11 45 a.m.—News Flashes.
13 00 noon—Melody Street.
13 30 p.m.—Len Johnson, accordion
1 15 p.m.—Betty Lee, Women's Programme
2 00 p.m.—Music Lovers' Hour.
6 00 p.m.—Teatime Music
5 15 p.m.—Twilight Melodies
5 40 p.m.—Tones of Lupot.
9 00 p.m.—British Empire Proeramme
6 45 p.m.—Jack Short, horse racing.
7 30 p.m.—Plays of Shakespeare.
8 00 p.m.—Merry-Town Boys.
8 30 p.m.—May Campbell, soprano.
9 45 p.m.—John H. Wright, piano
9 00 p.m.—Bob and Phil, Song Styles
9 30 p.m.—Cascade Mountineers
12 00 m.n.—DX Midnight Prowl

KNX, Hollywood (1,050 keys.)

7 00 p.m.—Voice of Hollywood
7 15 p.m.—Popeye the Sailor
8 00 p.m.—Frost Warnings
8 15 p.m.—Phil Harris' Orchestra
8 30 p.m.—Three Knights, Evening Star.
8 45 p.m.—Townsend Plan
9 00 p.m.—News
9 30 p.m.—Morgen Family
10 30 p.m.—Wrestling Matches
11 00 p.m.—Tommy Tucker's Orchestra.
11 30 p.m.—Pete Pontrelli's Orchestra
12 00 m.n.—Trans-Pacific News.

C.B.C. NETWORK

5 30 p.m.—News Reporter (B.C. Network)
5 45 p.m.—To Be Announced, Toronto
6 00 p.m.—Melodic Strings, director, Alexander Chuhaldin, Toronto
8 30 p.m.—Rendez-Vous, symphony and chorus, director, Guiseppe Agostini, Fernand Barrette, Montreal
7 00 p.m.—Strike Up the Band, orchestra director, Geoffrey Waddington, Toronto
7 30 p.m.—Gilbert Darrisse and his orchestra, Quebec.

CULBERTSON on CONTRACT

By Ely Culbertson

World's Champion Player and Greatest Card Analyst

PUSSYFOOTING

"Pussyfooting" is no more effective at the contract table. I am glad to say, than at any other of the delights dear to man. War, love, and contract bridge have at least one thing in common: half measures are worse than none at all!

Confining our attention to contract, the most glaring examples of the aforesaid half measures are encountered in pre-emptive bidding. Let us compare the respective merits of three and four spade opening bids. The difference is much greater than it appears. Consider the following hand.

North, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 4
♥ J 9 4
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ K 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 9
♥ A K 10 6 5 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ A 8 2

EAST
♠ A 3
♥ Q 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 8 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♥	5 ♠	Dble.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South probably was proud of his own daring when he burst forth with his bid for nine tricks. He should not have been! The bid actually was "one-trick-cowardly," to coin a descriptive phrase. A study of the West hand will prove how effective a four-spade bid (the correct call on South's probable eight playing tricks) would have been. Even over three spades West had to take a good deep breath and cross his fingers before he could bring out his four heart overcall. Certainly he could not have stretched another inch, and the only action he could have taken over four spades would have been a double. Although such a double would be of an "optional" nature, East unquestionably would pass to it, since his only certain trick was in the spade suit itself. But after he had heard the vulnerable four-heart bid, and after South (now spurred by desperation) had rebid his spades, it did not require much courage for East to raise to five hearts. Now South, who had tried penuriously to buy the contract for three odd, found himself in the position of having to pay an exorbitant price or lose out entirely. There is a close analogy in this situation to all other bargains: when a purchaser refuses to buy at what he should know to be a fair and just price, it serves him right if the market gets away from him.

The loss to South was a great deal more than the one trick that he had to pay, because four spades would have been a laydown against any defence. Also, as can be seen, five hearts would have been made against any opening except the double dummy lead of a club by North.

On the normal spade opening, West would draw trumps and knock out the king of diamonds, thus losing only one diamond and one club. So South's sacrifice of five spades actually was necessary, but it would not have been so if he had started the bidding correctly in the first place.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding, with both sides vulnerable, was:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble.	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Dble.	Pass	Pass	Pass

My hand (South) was this mess:
♠ 6 4 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ 8 6 5 3

What should I have led?

Answer: The six of trumps to prevent a possible crossruff.

TUESDAY'S HAND

North, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 9 -
♥ A K
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 9 6 4

WEST
♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ Q 8 7 2
♦ J 8
♣ 10 8 5

EAST
♠ K 5 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ K 9 7
♣ A 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 7 -
♥ 10 6 5 4
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ K Q J

Mr. Culbertson will discuss this and in Tuesday's article.

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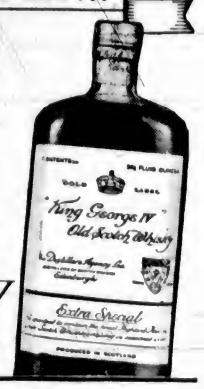

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6:15 p.m.—Renfrew of the Mounted, sketch.
8:30 p.m.—Pick and Pat in Smoking Time
9:00 p.m.—Horace Heidt's Brigadiers.
10:00 p.m.—To be announced.
10:30 p.m.—Slim Martin's Orchestra.
11:00 p.m.—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
11:30 p.m.—Sterling Young's Orchestra.
11:45 p.m.—Ben Pollack's Orchestra.

SHORT WAVE

All Pacific Standard Time

Sunday's Programme

BUDAPEST

7:00 a.m.—Gypsy Band; Messages to Hungarians Abroad; Musical Programme. HAS-3, 19.6 m., 15.37 mcs.

BERLIN

3:10 a.m.—Symphonic Concert. DJD, 25.4 m., 11.77 mcs.
3:15 p.m.—Our Sunday Concert. DJD, 25.4 m., 11.77 mcs.
8:30 p.m.—Robert Schumann: A Carnival Farce From Vienna. DJD, 25.4 m., 11.77 mcs.

PARIS

12:30 p.m.—"Ciboulette," Musical Comedy in Three Acts. TPA-3, 25.3 m., 11.86 mcs.

BOSTON

3:15 p.m.—Progress at the Pan-American Conference Saville R. Davis. WIXAL, 49.6 m., 9.04 mcs.

MOSCOW

4:00 p.m.—Famous Soviet Writers at the Microphone. Questions and Answers. RAN, 31.3 m., 9.6 mcs.

LONDON

4:06 p.m.—The Cambridge Heath Salvation Army Band. GSD, 25.6 m., 11.75 mcs.; GSC, 31.3 m., 9.58 mcs.; GSB, 31.5 m., 9.51 mcs.
7:30 p.m.—A Recital of Songs and Duets. GSD, 25.5 m., 11.75 mcs. GSC, 31.3 m., 9.56 mcs.

SCHENECTADY

6:35 p.m.—El Chico, Spanish Revue. W3XAF, 31.4 m., 9.53 mcs.

Monday's Programme

PARIS

12:30 p.m.—"Mauda," play in four acts by Hermann Sudermann. TPA-3, 25.3 m., 11.86 mcs.

ROME

3:00 p.m.—News in English. Programme by the Italian Federation of Business and Professional Women. Operatic selections from La Scala Theatre in Milan. Group of folk songs. 2RO-8 "Mail Bag." 3RO, 31.1 m., 9.63 mcs.

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Bare Hands

By Alma and Paul Ellerbe

IT was evening in the dry land country, east of irrigation and west of the rains; where Nature hands you nothing, and you work double for all you get.

Beside the little house he had built himself out of blocks of sod hacked from the ground at his feet, Daniel Godwin, twenty-four, who had never owned a stick of timber, nor a brick, nor a foot of land before, who had been pent up for ten years between tall buildings where mostly the strip of sky at the top of those man-made canyons was all the sky he saw, put a period to the long September day by driving into the chopping block the axe with which he had been splitting kindling for his supper fire.

In the half-dark he looked off towards the broad band of orange afterglow lying low and level in the west. Against it a steer was outlined sharp and black, on one of the prairie's rounded waves. Over the steer the evening star pulsed with pure and tender light; but Dan looked instead at a steady little quiet light low down that he liked better, though it came only from an oil lamp. Mari Lavater lit it over there every day at dusk, in a sod house like his own, and so turned the black prairie into home for him.

The Lavaters, father and daughter, were Swiss but they had lived among English speaking people so long that English came to them more naturally now than their native language. Dan had been on his homestead only a few days when they filed on the one adjoining it. He had met them at once, and his sense of life had enlarged at sight of the girl, strong, direct, tender with her old father, lovely as a birch tree, and gay in the face of the great hardships of pioneering. Glad, too, at the presence of a man about her own age, and showing it.

As for Dan, he flew his delight in her like a flag. And Peter Lavater saw it. Towering above him, with the wind parting the perfect whiteness of his great beard, he looked very attentively at Daniel Godwin and asked him without hesitation every question about himself he could think of. Then he walked quietly away, his blue eyes more alive in his crag-like face that had a sort of gentle, obstinate, choleric nobility about it.

When at last Dan let his accumulated passion flash out one evening beneath a cottonwood tree in the dry gulch Mari yielded herself to his arms. As the last bright shaving of the sun sank in the west they turned and went back and told Mari's father what he already knew, and great peace and dignity came into the old man's eyes. He got out his zither and the two little mallets to play it with, and they sang songs to his accompaniment, and drank Swiss wine, and made plans, until it was very late, the three of them together drawing close against the expanse of solitude outside.

THAT had been a year and a half ago, and they weren't married. A thousand things, little, had interfered. However, slowly, courageously, they had surmounted all of them, and Christmas now would see them man and wife.

As he gathered up his kindling, Dan let his eye dwell contentedly on the steer. It was beyond his fence and belonged to Lavater. Lavater had bought six more that week. He himself, too, had a sizable bunch now. Both places were coming along. The steer standing there seemed a sort of symbol.

While he was looking at it it pitched forward on its shoulder. There was no sound. For a moment Dan stood still and stared at the place where it had been. It was as though the heavens had burst into flaming letters that wrote Jed Cranch's name horizon-long.

It had come, then. He had to do something about Jed Cranch.

He bent low and plunged into the black prairie—started running in the opposite direction from the steer towards Cranch's house. He had been afraid of something like this ever since Cranch filed on a homestead nearly a year ago and he met him soon afterwards on the road.

"I want to buy that bohunk's relinquishment to the land west of yours. I want to put my brother on it. We need more Americans in here."

Dan had stiffened.

"Lavater doesn't want to relinquish his homestead."

Cranch looked at him shrewdly for a moment. "It might be healthier for him if he changed his mind, see? America for the Americans, that's my idea, and not so many of these dirty foreigners stealing our land. You might tell him."

Dan looked him over carefully, and was afraid in every fibre; a heavy, prairie-colored man, built like a bear. He'd side-step a row if he could.

"Lavater's going to be naturalized at the next term of the District Court, and then he'll be just as much an American as we are."

"So!" Cranch said. "That's the way you look at it, is it?"

"Well," Dan said peaceably, "that's the way the United States looks at it. That's the law."

There was nothing heroic about Daniel Godwin. Rather he was a somewhat timid young man who one day had done an abrupt and preposterous thing. Sitting in the office in New York of Giles, Miller & Frederickson, for whom he had worked since he was fourteen, he had stopped work, looked around the room at the great ledgers he had filled with figures, at the files and files and files full of copies of the letters he had typed, and then had got up, walked into Mr. Miller's room and resigned, drawn all his money from the savings bank and come west and filed on his homestead. His year and a half on the land had made a man of him, but a clerical something lingered about him still, and his build was not powerful like Cranch's. Cranch smiled a slow, contemptuous smile.

"Real smart boy, ain't you? Well, keep out of my way, see? And tell the old geezer what I have told you to."

"I'll tell the Sheriff if I have to," Dan said as quietly as he could.

CRANCH looked surprised, and then smiled queerly.

"You might try that," he said. "Yes, you might try that." His smile broke into a grin as he drove away.

The next day Dan found out that Cranch was reputed to have engineered more than one shady and perhaps bloody transaction for the Sheriff that had won him as nearly complete protection as that officer could grant to anyone. Telling the Sheriff was one of the things you didn't do where Cranch was concerned. So that when Lavater's chickens were shot, his dogs poisoned, his fences cut, and other things done to scare him away, Dan advised the old man to do nothing until they could get some sort of evidence that would justify the hiring of a lawyer and the filing of a suit.

But Cranch was careful. There was no evidence to be had. And Lavater was a bad waiter. Since things continued to happen on his place, he went directly to the Sheriff himself, ni spite of everything, with an appeal that was touching in its respect for the law and those appointed to enforce it—but only funny to Bill Cole, the Sheriff.

"Evidence, gram'pa," he yawned, getting up to show the interview was over. "You needn't bother to come in any more till you've got some. And, by the way, if you don't like it here, you know what you can do."

Lavater rose, too. His eyes flashed blue fire.

"My name is Lavater," he said. "You will please call me by it. I am, thank God, no kin to you. As for my place, it is my home, and I shall stay in it. You and Cranch cannot frighten me away, Mr. Cole."

The depredations had continued.

Dan whose last battle had been in his eleventh year—crept towards the one lighted window in Cranch's house half hoping that when he looked in he'd see Cranch sitting at the table eating his supper.

He looked into the window. The shabby unkempt room, lit by an unshaded lamp, with an unmade bed in one corner and a built-in cupboard in the other, had no one in it. Dan flattened himself against the clapboards to wait.

In a little while he heard someone coming up the road . . . heavy steps on the porch . . . a key in the lock. Cranch came into the room. His hands were empty. But after he had pulled down the shades of both windows (but not far enough, he went out and came back with something in his hand that set Dan's heart to pounding: evidence—proof—the kind of thing he had been watching and waiting for for months—a rifle with a silencer on it!

DAN and Lavater butchered the steer that night; with Mari—since Dan wanted three witnesses to the finding of the bullet—standing by until they dug it out of the still-warm flesh, a little sick, but, as pioneer women have to be, ready to give whatever her men needed from her.

There was a bit of magic for Dan about Mari's sod shack. She sat there now beside purple asters, knitting quietly upon an orange sweater. To Dan, to see her was to see clearly again, whatever his trouble. After the business of the steer she had got herself quickly into a blue cotton dress embroidered with many colors. Her smooth brown head was set with strength and delicacy on her lovely neck, and one of her brown shoulders showed. It seemed to Dan that great waves of loving her came out of him and broke at her feet, and that the reason she looked up at him and smiled now and then was because she felt them. Tranquility came out of her even now, when he knew how disturbed she was.

The old man strode up and down the room like something wild in a cage. He bit hard on his pipe, and words and smoke came together from his lips.

"Your bullet, and what you saw, and even the rifle if you could get it—which you couldn't—and Mari's testimony and mine, won't do any good. I tell you, it's an evil place and there's no law in it. I have been a free man all my life, and to end like this—in the country I admired the most."

Dan jumped to his feet.

"By God," he said, "nobody's ending here! We're all beginning—you and Mari and I. And one crooked man doesn't mean there's no law. With a good lawyer——"

"Those fellows in town," Lavater said bitterly, "couldn't belong to Cole any more if he kept them in pens in his back yard. They'd like to take our suit, because they could see to it personally that we didn't win it—in addition to getting our fees."

"But, father," Mari protested, as Dan dropped back into his chair, "you don't know all the lawyers in town. There's either an honest one or there isn't. Dan's plan is to find out, and——"

"Listen, Mr. Lavater," Dan said eagerly, "old man Miller's back on his ranch up north of here. He's known the county seat since it was one crossroads store, and he's as white a man as I ever met." He'll give me the low-down on the situation in town and tell me what to do. I'd have gone to him about Cranch before, but he's been away. If by any chance there really isn't a single lawyer around here that Cole can't control, Miller will tell me where there is one, and we'll go get him."

"What we need in this community," Lavater said broodingly, "is another kind of people. Everyone of these gutless imitations of human beings knows what Cranch has done to me—in fact, he's treated some of the rest of them almost as badly—but they're all afraid to do anything. I'm——"

"BUT it's not a community, father," Mari said. "It's a handful of people scattered through here, miles apart from each other."

"About half of them," Dan added, "as new to the country as we are. And why wouldn't they be afraid of Cranch, with Cole behind him and everything? Nothing's happened to any one of them to justify starting anything, but you watch 'em line up when we do it."

"I'm going—to knock—you down — till — you can't—get up—see?"

"I'll watch them," Lavater muttered, "That's about all I'm good for any more, watching. He blew out a long stream of smoke. "If I was half the man I used to be, I'd go over there and cowhide that vulture until he was afraid when he saw me moving on the road. It's the only way with a bully. And to have to sit by and wait for the law, when there isn't any law."

He stopped abruptly and looked down at Dan. "I think I'll go to bed," he said. "I'm getting old Dan, and I don't like it, that's the trouble. Follow your plan out, and God knows I'm obliged to you. And God knows," he added grimly, "I don't think it'll do any good."

And he stamped off to bed.

Dan and Mari sat beside the stove. There were only the sucking sounds it made and the wind. The wind was rising.

"I couldn't whip Cranch," Dan said; "there's no use making any bones about it. And to go over there and get beaten up wouldn't do any good."

"No," said Mari. "Father's getting childish. He didn't use to be like that." And then, after a pause, "Do you remember how happy we were before Cranch came?"

Dan came over and sat on the arm of her chair and slipped his arm around her neck.

"Yes. Seemed to own the whole prairie, didn't we?"

She took his hand and held it in hers—his hard, strong hand the sun had bronzed.

"Just you and me," she said, "and a whole world of our own. I guess every girl wants that if she's really in love. And I've been in love with you since——"

"Since we took that first long walk to Sagebrush together?"

"No, no, millions of years before that—since you first came walking up to this place and father pulled the history of your life out of you and then went off and left us together."

He pressed his arm more tightly about her. "And you think," she said, holding tightly to his hand, "you really think that you've got enough on Cranch to make him behave?"

He told her yes in as many reassuring ways as he could think of; and at last he went off across the prairie.

A BIG owl sailed wide-winged and steady across the rising moon. The wind was increasing. It felt like a snow-wind. The wind blew most of the time out here. Great free-chested breath of all the West; some men hated it because it frayed out their nerves, but from the beginning, whether it lazed along the Summer prairie over the bee flowers and the white poppies, scarcely shifting the butterflies—as on the day he first met Mari Lavater—or roared down upon him laden with snow—the wind had said to Daniel Godwin, "Free! Free! Free!" and he had liked it. He opened his jacket to the sting of it tonight and strode off towards his still-unlighted little house filled with a heady brew of love and hope.

Inside he undressed in great haste and plunged into bed to dream of a prairie free of any taint of Jedediah Cranch.

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He stepped out at last into a world of indescribable freshness and vigor. The snow flashed with a million points of white fire. The sun rode a sky of bottomless, clean blue. It did things to Dan now and then and this morning it lifted up his heart as he climbed into his car and started for justice.

He reflected as he jounced along over the frozen road that whereas in New York he could never have made his name known to even a corner of the city, out here most of the people in town and all those in his part of the county knew it well and him. Say "Dan Godwin" anywhere in a radius of twenty miles, and people would see an upstanding fellow, with good land, carefully cultivated, good stock. He belonged here now. He sang a little to himself as he drove along.

When he passed Cranch's place Cranch came out on the porch.

"Look a-here!" he called, waving his hand. Dan stopped the car. "Look at them wagon tracks."

A pair of wagon tracks ran across the fresh snow of the open prairie to and from Cranch's house.

"Well," Dan said, "what of it?"

"Hell of a lot," Cranch said, "but you can't see from there. Get down and take a look. It'll interest you."

Dan got down and went up on the porch. The tracks ran from Lavater's house to Cranch's and back again; disregarding the road; coming and going across the open prairie.

"Well?" Dan said.

"Look inside my house."

"That old galoot, that old Fritzie, drove up here in broad daylight, leaving a trail like that, and stole most of my stuff while I was down to Tom Logan's early this morning. And I'll be damned if he didn't leave a paper saying he'd done it. He wrote it out just like a bill; everything he took, an' what he claimed it was worth, and then right alongside of it a list of chickens an' steers an' God knows what-all of his'n he claimed I shot—the old jackass—and what he claimed they was worth. An' he made the two come out even, and wrote across it: 'Received payment. Peter Lavater.' C'n you tie that?"

CRANCH put his thumbs in the pockets of his leather vest, stuck his face close to Dan's and roared with laughter.

"Where is he now?"

"Where'd you think he'd be? He's in jail, and like to stay there."

"I'll bail him out. You know that."

"Then what you gonna do?" Cranch said steadily.

Dan was pale and trembling a little.

"I'm going to find some sort of legal protection for that old man," he said, "if I have to take it to the Governor of the State," and started for the steps.

Cranch laid a heavy hand on his shoulder and spun him round. He caught the edges of Dan's open sheepskin jacket in one hand and shook him as a terrier shakes a rat. Then he flung him backward against the pillar of the porch.

"I'm givin' you that instead of advice," he said, "because you'll remember it."

The sharp edge of the square pillar caught Dan at the back of the head and laid his scalp open. He reeled and fell off the porch, scraping both his shins on the ends of the steps. Pain sprang up in him until he seemed burning in it. He fell off the porch a man and leapt back up its three steps an animal, all his fear lost in pain and anger.

Suddenly whatever Cranch might do to him was unimportant. He drove the big man round and round, hitting him with a rising tode of power; five blows to Cranch's one; staggering back from the piston-like drive of the one, bruised and cut, half blind with blood, but feeling in his bones that Cranch was softening, lagging, losing his wind—with nobody there to call rounds and give him respite.

With all the speed left in him Cranch swung a chair high above his head, but before he could bring it down Dan ducked under, caught him and flung him heavily to the floor. Cranch got up, and Dan drove a straight right between his eyes and laid him out again. Twice more he knocked him down and then fell back against the wall, breathing in deep, sobbing reaths.

"I'm going—to knock—you down—till—you can't—get up—see?"

But Cranch made no effort to get up. He lay there, heaving like a huge fish pulled from the water.

"Cranch," Dan said in a queer sort of drunken, panting shout, "you—you dirty old—hunk of buzzard-meat—I'm not afraid of you any more. I'll never be—afraid of you—any more. Do you hear that?"

But Cranch lay staring straight up and continued to heave, without a word.

Leaning there against the wall, with one of his eyes swollen almost shut, his face and lips cut and bruised, Dan said: "I saw Lavater's steer fall last night. I was pretty close, and there wasn't a sound. I got here before you came back. I looked under the bottom of one of the shades and saw you bring in a rifle with a silencer on it and put it in that cupboard. Will you give me the key, or do I break in the door?"

PAINFULLY Cranch reached into his pocket and drew out the key. Dan unlocked the cupboard door and got the rifle.

"Twenty-five-twenty," he said, examining it. "Holds six cartridges. Five in it now." He reached into his pocket and took out a piece of lead. "Here's the bullet from the sixth. We dug it out of the steer last night. It won't be hard to prove where it came from."

"I'll do my talking," Cranch mumbled, "in court."

"I'm going to take you into town and swear out a warrant for your arrest for what you've done to Lavater and for assault and battery on me. And on the way"—he fixed Cranch with his eye—"we'll pick up Carter Williams you stole the pig from when it strayed into your place last Summer. You didn't know everybody knew about that, did you? And old Mrs. Kummer, who's always been afraid before to tell about the four acres of land of hers you fenced in with yours."

"It's a lie!" Cranch broke out.

"Any surveyor can prove it's the truth," Dan said. "And then we'll pick up Prendergast and Mullins, who saw you cutting Lavater's fences. And then Kopitski'll come along, and——"

Cranch sat up in the excitement.

"Robbing a man's mail box is robbing the Government," Dan said. "That'd take care of you all by itself."

"Hell fire!" Cranch said. "If you'd a-had all this on me you'd a-done something long ago."

Dan shook his head. "Nobody would testify. Everybody was scared. But now I'm going to tie you up like a hog and load you into the back seat of my car and take you around like that for the people to see, and I don't think anybody's ever going to be afraid of you again. In fact,"—he walked over and thrust the muzzle of the rifle against Cranch's chest—"I wouldn't be surprised if it was you, instead of Lavater, who pulled his freight."

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That night was clear and crisp and very cold, hung—with a million far needle-pointed stars. Under them the prairie lay wide and white and flat, like the ghost of an ocean whose waves had been stilled. Into it bounced and clattered a little line of cheap, high-slung cars, outward bound on a straight road from the county seat.

In Dan's car Mari drove and Dan lay back on the rear seat, bruised, cut, sore and aching, but happier than he had ever been in his life. Peter Lavater sat up straight beside him, his blue eyes flashing until they were almost visible, every now and then chuckling just a little to himself pleasantly in the dark.

DAN'S car was last, and at one crossroads after another one or more of the other cars pulled out to one side and its occupants said good night to them as they came up.

"I thought I'd bust," Kopitski said, "when the Sheriff came out and took a look at his friend all tied up like a rooster ready for cooking. This county's thankful to you, all right, Mr. Godwin."

"Why don't you folks come over and see us some day?" said Mrs. Mullins, who had gone in with her husband.

"Bill Cole," said Prendergast, "took one look at the eight of us and decided he believed in representative government again. You surely trimmed his side-kick pretty, Godwin. I've got to thank you once more."

And old Mrs. Kummer was motherly and grateful and bent on sending one of her boys over with the kind of apple cake Lavater had liked in his youth.

At last the car stopped in front of the Lavater's house. They all got out. Ordinarily you could see Cranch's light from there. Tonight there were only stars.

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About Your Dog

By P. HAMILTON GOODSELL

ARTICLE XXVIII

More Hints on Summer Care

REGULAR grooming is more important during Summer than Winter—particularly as regards those breeds having long or heavy coats. Nature provides that coats should be somewhat lighter during the hot weather than in the cold. Unless the dead hair is brushed out, it tends to form mats, which, if allowed to remain and increase, will eventually cause irritation of the skin. This will make the animal scratch, and soon the dog will have developed sores, with attendant discomfort and debility, all of which might have been avoided by a small amount of daily attention. If you own a dog of a long-haired breed, don't neglect the daily vigorous brushing of your "pal." We now come to the important item of hot weather feeding. This, like all matters relating to the dog, requires common sense.

Remember that during the cold days the dog is naturally inclined to exercise more, and in order to keep fit, a dog needs a heavier, more substantial diet than it does in Summer. Without going into technical details about proteins, vitamins, etc., suffice it to say that the diet should be lightened during the hot spell. Although heat of itself is not an actual cause perhaps of eczema, it is very often a contributing factor if the diet is wrong. If one persists with the usual Winter method of feeding, ten chances to one a bad case of skin trouble will result.

This has a tendency to spread from the root of the tail, where it usually makes its first appearance, to other parts of the body—inside the thighs, on the flanks and inside the flap of the ear. Biting, scratching and digging with the claws at these intensely irritating spots, and other sources of infection, will eventually cause formation of pus in the small postules or pimples, which in turn may become running sores. Tests made by veterinarians have established the fact that certain forms of cereals are conducive to eczema. Not all forms of cereals have this result, but it seems fairly well proven that corn meal, rice, wheat flour and its products have this tendency, especially during the Summer.

What is a satisfactory and safe diet for one dog is not necessarily so for another. Thus it is as impossible to formulate hard and fast rules for feeding dogs. A varied diet should contain meat of some sort, either cooked or raw, excluding pork or pork products; some sort of prepared light cereal, such as shredded wheat, cornflakes, grapenut flakes, dry toast, in the shape of the so-called Melba toast, vegetables, excluding corn, peas and potatoes.

Substitutes for Meat

WITH some dogs a high proportion of beef may lead to skin eruptions, while lamb and mutton, chicken, turkey or beef liver, in the ratio of one to three in the diet, do not. Tripe is also good as a change from meat, thoroughly washed, boiled and finely chopped. Canned salmon or other boiled fish can be used with advantage as change, but they do not agree with all dogs, and should, therefore, be used sparingly until the owner has established the fact of whether or not they agree with his dog.

Meat and vegetables may be fed in the proportion of half of each and the cereal may be added to increase the size of the meal. In using all three, one-third of each will usually be found to be about right. All food should be well mixed and fed fairly dry, never in a sloppy state, and to each meal should be added a small amount of salt.

Two or three times a week the dog should be given a large beef bone or one or two whole biscuits of a standard brand to force it to use its teeth for gnawing, which will keep down the formation of tartar upon them and keep the teeth and the gums healthy. If you use common sense, and follow the suggestions outlined in last week's article and in this, I do not think that you will have much difficulty in keeping your dog fit and comfortable during the hot weather, and you may be saved veterinarians' bills, barring accidents.

I have not mentioned the highly important necessity of seeing that your dog's elimination is regular and adequate and healthy, because the fact would appear to be obvious. The chance of ills arising from improper functioning of the bowels is ever present, no matter what the temperature. Watch out for the presence of internal or external parasites, and get rid of them at once when discovered. If you have not already tried it, start giving your dog regular and systematic attention and care; use your brains to keep it well and happy, and you will be amply repaid by its improved appearance and contentment.

(Continued Next Sunday)

You Are a Gracious Hostess

IF—You wear an air of serenity when friends call unexpectedly, instead of causing them embarrassment by showing they have called at an inopportune moment.

IF—You are perfectly natural instead of wearing the artificial mask of "hostess," enforced to do the honors.

IF—You smile when you give them the best the depleted larder can offer instead of apologizing throughout the meal.

IF—You allow your unexpected guests to help you weed the garden that must be weeded, or help with the dish-washing that has been interrupted, instead of making them feel de trop by watching you do it.

IF—You encourage general conversation instead of monopolizing it yourself until you are breathless.

IF—You remember that Mrs. So-and-So is afraid of dogs, and you put Micky temporarily in his own quarters, instead of allowing him to romp all over her.

IF—You flatter those who thrive on flattery and refrain from doing so with those who "never fish for compliments."

IF—You can bluff your visitors with your obvious happiness, and peace-with-the-world mood, instead of depressing them with the doldrums, or antagonizing them (if they are in-laws) by the latest story of your delinquent husband.

IF—You leave out of interminable discussion, your husband, your latest maid, or your new char, instead of making a fetish of these very uninteresting personalities.

In any case you will be talked down if you submit that you have the finest husband, maid, child, furniture (or what you will) in the world.

To have the best of anything is an individual monopoly, and this topic is best avoided and respected as dangerous ground.

The Gulf Islands

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IN these days of uncertainty, many citizens of our populated centres are looking around with a hopeless air of discontent waiting Macawberlike for something to turn up. Never in the history of man was there a time when initiative, pluck and endurance were essential to the well-being of every respectable—I use the word advisedly—citizen than right now. The desire of many men is to get "back to the land," but reluctance is displayed by the wives, who plead that loneliness and isolation will be their lots if transferred from the alluring scenes of cities and towns where in such environment the hard-up type of citizen finds nothing but disappointment at every turn.

There are times when the individual must gird his loins about him and expect little and do much. No use looking to one's friends for help. They are, if not in the same boat, at any rate on the same seas of unrest, only perhaps in a firmer craft or to dispense with metaphor—they may be fortunate in having a few dollars assured income which enables them to get by. The lure of the bright lights and the razzle-dazzle of the city cannot better conditions for the man or woman out of work or whose limited income in insufficient to keep his or her head above water in the cost of living—largely uncontrollable by taxation demands, interest charges on loans connected with the home, etc.

Land Settlement

MUCH has been said of late regarding land settlement and the possibility of making "farmers" overnight who by a magic wave of the hand instead of "the sweat of the brow" will make the soil so productive that even the most unproductive areas will literally flow with milk and honey. The land will never be made productive by artificial methods or artificial producers, and let these words sink into the minds of the theorist and dreamer. Farmers are born, not made; the training of a farmer does not depend on a scientific thesis, but a practical demonstration. The greatest surgeon of any time never learned the delicacy of operations by "midnight oil" burning process over some medical pharmacopea. He saw the patient and the operating room and he witnessed the nerve and coolness of the doctor who applied what I have referred to as necessary nowadays, initiative, pluck and endurance in the performance of the operation.

Now let my remarks be applied to the thought in my mind which prompted this article, as I want to throw out a word of good cheer and the darkest hour is just before the break of dawn. The Dominion of Canada and no less the province of British Columbia are priceless gems in the Empire's Crown, more so now than at any other previous period in the history of existence.

The British Spirit

THE spirit of every Canadian, by birth or adoption, is British. The ideals are identical with those embedded in the hearts and minds of all good Britons, no matter in what part of the Empire domiciled. Recollect, "United we stick; divided we're stuck." Bearing this in mind I say: Be yourself and be self-contained as nearly as possible to be. Do not depend too much on the other fellow to help you. The Lord helps them who help themselves! Keep your shoulders squared, face the music and carry on!

Truer Brotherhood

LET there be more solidarity in returned soldiers' organizations and the writer is intimate with same, having assisted in organizing the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada in Victoria in the early stages of the Great War. Let there be a truer spirit of brotherhood in the personnel of the service clubs and a loyalty of heart and hand towards remedying exisiting disorders and out of chaos overnight will emerge a new day, the dawn of which has never been known even under the most favorable weather conditions for a perfect sunrise on Riga or Pilatus in Switzerland, or coming into our own province of British Columbia, on the peaks of Mount Arrowsmith or Garibaldi, easy of accessibility and well worth a visit by every lover of nature.

There may be other lands of rare delight.
Where flowers blossom under fairer skies.
But to this land we pledge with hearts aright.
The priceless gift of love that never dies.
No matter where the fates may bid us roam.
Forever in our hearts this will be Home.

Be yourself: be self-contained! The man possessing a small income, very small indeed, and who is physically fit to do the ordinary chores on a small acreage, can assume a "landed proprietorship" rarely possible to enjoy in urban localities. No matter how efficient he may have proved in his special walk of life to be up and doing, at the best even in the best of business circles, the city man owns a lot (large or small) but not acreage.

Around Home Fires

GIVEN five acres—not in the fastnesses of our province, at the present time, but within range of civilized—perhaps—a better word would be humanized—communities with the land in a state fit for production and there is room for the maintenance of a family of five or more provided father is capable of milking the cow, feeding the poultry, collecting the eggs, putting in a garden and collecting enough fuel off the property to keep the home fires burning. The baking of the bread, the making of the butter and the preserving of the fruits pertaining to the household duties can be shared by mother with some of the children. This accomplished and life can be enjoyed at a cost of one-third that necessary to keep body and soul together in turbulent cities and towns.

ARTILLERY IN MODERNIZATION OF CANADIAN ARMY

Modernization of the Canadian militia with the mechanical arm of the defence forces strengthened and infantry and cavalry units reduced, features the reorganization announced by Minister of National Defence Ian Mackenzie. By conversion of cavalry and infantry units and by formation of new units, the artillery branch has been increased by a total of fifty-two batteries. Thirty-six cavalry regiments give way to sixteen regiments, with an additional four regiments equipped with armored cars. Scenes from the mechanical arm of the Canadian defence forces, now increased still further, are pictured here. The 2nd Ottawa Field Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery, rated the oldest artillery unit in Canada, is shown (top) in camp at Petawawa. At lower left Canadian artillerymen are servicing a fifteen-pounder at Valcartier, and at right one of the modern Canadian tanks included in the army's mechanical arm is shown. Machine guns are mounted where the small doors open in front.

Here are the figures, abstracted from facts on a monthly rating:

	City	Islands
Taxes	$ 3.40	$ .80
Groceries and Meat	12.04	9.60
Milk, Butter and Eggs	11.04	3.00
Fuel and Light	10.30	1.50
Clothing	19.50	6.00
Incidentals	5.00	2.00
	$66.28	$22.90

Cost of Building

CAPITAL expenditure for building purposes is in the ratio of three to two. A house in town costing $3,000 can be built for $2,000, the latter will not possess the frills of architectural embellishments but will equal in comfort and protection the more ornate structures required in the city.

Social amenities are not forgotten and the pleasantry of acquaintance is enjoyed through the medium of concerts, bridge, whist drives, dances, etc., and the outdoor life, in its games as well as sport in hunting and fishing, cannot be surpassed elsewhere outside British Columbia. What a wonderful province awaiting the effort of a wonderful people. Who are they and from whence come they? We have the straw but we need the men to make the bricks. Cook's son, duke's son, gardener baronet or groom, each of 'em doing his country's work, as Kipling immortalized the ideals of Britons during the South African War in his "Absent-Minded Beggar," may again arise under pacific influence and right the destinies of the Empire and preserve the stamina of its people.

British Columbia covers an area of 372,360 miles, possesses a diversified climate, attractive and healthful at all seasons. The province has a great range of latitude extending over eleven degrees, which gives variation to the climate. The Pacific Ocean tempers the climate and the Japanese current has considerable effect, causing mild Winters and cool Summers at the seaboard, so what more can one desire in the way of perfect environment. No extremes, no disturbing conditions other than the present economic, which will soon be given its quietus, and this, the British Empire's far-flung demesne, will be emblazoned with those words enscrolled over the entrance to a baronial hall in one of England's country homes, "Throw open wide this gate; none come too soon, none return too late."

Fruits of Labor

DECENTRALIZATION is needed these days and once this is put into effect by proper methods, then the cities will cease to need community chests and the men residing in the country will proceed to enjoy the fruits of their labor and reach the haven of rest and security.

There is no necessary of dipping into statistics. The foregoing figures speak for themselves and the man with a small income can live a life in the "open spaces" in a climate unique and not be cribbed, cabined and confined.

What do the following figures mean to the man looking for a place to live without restraint and free from the whirl and strife of city life:

Average temperature (Summer), 65 degrees; average temperature (Winter), 42 degrees, average rainfall, 25 inches; total hours of sunshine, 2,276; number of days with rain, 120; number of days with snow, 2; number of days with thunder, 2.

Never mind about the troubles of the Dominion; never mind about the wails of the province, nor the vagaries of the cities. Mind yourself and be yourself.

British Columbia has the open spaces and there are hundreds of citizens with a little capital and enjoying a small pension or annuity who can live in the Gulf Islands and be almost self-contained and self-supporting.

Fish from the sea and the birds of the air are available to help furnish the larder. The farm as a universal provider offers all that is best and necessary to keep health aglow so that the tea, sugar, baking soda, flour, etc., are all the necessities required to be purchased from the city merchant or the local store.

Freight rates on supplies bought outside average from 25c to 40c a hundred pounds, making a very small addition to the cost of items which with few exceptions can be obtained locally.

One hears on every side the cry of "nothing to do in the city." One hears there are 100,000 educated men between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-six years unemployed throughout our Dominion at the present time. Pay rolls are not increasing very rapidly. Charity is sought at every turn. What is the morale of Canada's rising generation to be under such an unfortunate condition of affairs?

Her Majesty, the Queen

THE accompanying picture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (then Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon), was taken by Major Robert F. Ely, barrister, of this city, on August 7, 1919. Major Ely was a guest at Glamis Castle, Forfarshire, Scotland, when on convalescent leave from his battalion, the 72nd Vancouver Seaforth Highlanders. Major Ely forwarded prints of all his snaps to Glamis and has in his possession a delightful note of thanks from Her Majesty.

Queen Elizabeth is the youngest but one of ten children of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, who own, besides the famous Glamis Castle in Scotland—three other beautiful country homes in the British Isles. Glamis Castle, however, is of the greatest historical interest, being possibly the oldest inhabited castle in Britain. It came into possession of the Bowes-Lyon family some five hundred and seventy years ago through marriage of Sir John Lyon with Princess Jean, daughter of Robert II. Glamis is rich in grim tradition and is connected with the works of the immortal Shakespeare. It is also full of relics of past ages, including a suit of clothes, a sword and a watch belonging to Bonnie Prince Charlie, which were left behind when he flew hurriedly from the castle. Its walls are adorned with a marvelous array of old battle-axes, suits of armor, swords and fine old tapestries.

In Time of War

DURING the Great War Lord and Lady Strathmore and their family did noble work in trying to in some way alleviate the pain and suffering of war-torn and wounded veterans. From the inception of war Glamis Castle was converted into a military hospital under the direct supervision of Lady Rose Bowes-Lyon, a sister of Queen Elizabeth. Four of the Queen's brothers, Patrick, John, Michael and Fergus Bowes-Lyon were all of age at the outbreak of hostilities and immediately enlisted. Queen Elizabeth also had her duties to perform at Glamis, and although too young for hospital work, she undertook in various ways to entertain and make life more worth while for her wounded guests. Her charming personality and her kind-hearted and sympathetic nature endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Her inseparable companion during her childhood days and this period was her younger brother, Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, who is fifteen months her junior and they were to be seen at various times about the spacious castle grounds riding their ponies, practicing at cricket and tennis and generally enjoying a good, healthy outdoor life.

Castle as Hospital

AS a hospital during the war Glamis was ideal as a beautiful country home, with its gorgeous surrounding country with a most invigorating climate. When the invalids were able to get about and exercise, many explorations were made covering the castle and its grounds and gardens. In the programmes arranged trips were made to nearby Dundee and Forfar, visits to neighboring country homes, including those of Countess Airlie and Mrs. Stephen Williamson at Glenogil, who was a sister of Lord Charles Guthrie, M.A., K.C., Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland. In the evenings life in the castle was full of interest, and Lord and Lady Strathmore excelled themselves in making their guests feel quite at home. Before the great open fireplaces bridge, whist, jig-saw puzzles, billiards, music and song were indulged in, and Queen Elizabeth was the life and zest of many of these never-to-be-forgotten gatherings. It was with feelings of regret when convalescence arrived, and the demands of further wounded arriving made it necessary to say good-bye to our kind host and hostess.

Queen Elizabeth, as a result of the hospitality shown to her veteran guests, has been inundated with correspondence from all parts of the world, and very graciously she still continues to reply and is glad to hear from her many friends overseas. During her visit to Australia and New Zealand when His Majesty officially opened the first Parliament at the new Australian capital—Canberra—the Queen was delighted to meet many officers who had been former guests at Glamis in war days.

The hospital was not closed for many months after the Armistice, and Glamis Castle was the home from home of many Colonial officers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada, who will never forget the kindness and hospitality extended to them by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Earl and Countess of Strathmore.

You reprove like a friend, and nothing comes so welcome to me as to be told of my faults.
—Walpole to a Friend.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH

One of several informal snapshots of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth taken by Major R. F. Ely, 72nd Vancouver Seaforth Highlanders, Canadian Expeditionary Force. In the photograph shown above are, from left to right, Major R. F. Ely, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Lieut. Allan Dent, Imperial Forces, and Mrs. Stephen Williamson, Glenogil, Forfarshire, Scotland (sister of Lord Charles Guthrie, M.A., K.C., formerly Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland).

Tiaras of Metal Worn

THE flower topknot has reappeared in Winter ballrooms. It has several rivals, among them tiaras in copper and brass, introduced to London by Madame Beck, wife of the Polish Foreign Minister, on her recent visit here. These are the work of a Polish artist, Henryk Grinwald, who has discovered the secret of using such materials in a light enough form for the comfort of their wearers.

Other hair fashions include blue feather bandeaus, to which are attached a pair of blue birds delicately worked in feathers, and Spanish combs of colored feathers having a halo effect and worn at the back of the head.

Rumania Going English

RUMANIA has gone "all English" with the inauguration of the chair of English at the university here. Under the auspices of the Anglo-Rumanian Society, a British club is also being opened, whose president will be Madame Catharine Titulescu, wife of the famous diplomat. The new premises of the Anglo-Rumanian Society are near the Royal Palace. They have been furnished in old English style. The club has a large library of English books.

The Mountain A Short Story

BY GEORGE GODWIN

LITTLE Mrs. Jameson sat down before a much-traveled trunk in the bedroom of her Chamonix hotel.

She was elderly and grey, with a face that suggested to the observant, above all, patience and a soft sadness. But on this glittering Winter morning her habitual expression was tinged with a wistfulness that might have been hope.

Guests who encountered little Mrs. Jameson in the public rooms of the hotel, or on its wide piazza, seldom looked at her twice. Young and joyous, for the most part, they were too intent on food, dancing or the beeswaxing of skis.

Mrs. Jameson, was, in a way, with the English element, because abroad the English cling together if for no other purpose than mutual criticism or detestation, but she most certainly was not of it.

These jolly people were visitors, come for the Winter sports; Mrs. Jameson was a resident.

And as she took her meals alone in a corner of the great dining-room, never appeared at dance, ice carnival or masquerade, she passed mostly unnoticed and without arousing the slightest curiosity.

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But this morning something new seemed to have been added to the habitual expression of little Mrs. Jameson's face.

Even Marie, the chambermaid, noticed it in her chere petite vielle, as, following instructions, she pulled the battered trunk into its present prominent position.

It stood there, near the window that framed in vivid colors the awe-inspiring spectacle of Mont Blanc, the Glacier de Bossoms glittering upon its white flank like an enormous jewel.

Left alone, little Mrs. Jameson pondered her problem. She had pondered it in the past, now the moment had come for decision.

Opened, the trunk revealed a woman's clothes of the period. She lifted them out, one by one, shook them, laid them upon the great bed until, under the weight of those fabrics, the balloon-like plumeau was deflated.

She decided, after thought, upon the pearl grey. It had always been a favorite, not only with her, but with—Jim—Jim Jameson, that is to say.

From below the voices of a ski party came up, muffled by the double windows. But even had she been idly curious, which she was not, Mrs. Jameson had no need to turn from her preoccupation to see, quite clearly, the file of the lithe blue figures, each with its shouldered skis, that was stringing out over the glistening snow.

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When she had first come, Dr. Jameson had stipulated for a room commanding a view of Mont Blanc. To his birdlike bride he said:

"Now I can look at that old monster and shake my fist at him, for one day, sweetheart, I shall conquer him."

Dr. Jameson was a keen climber, but twice, in his student days, the mountain had mastered him . . .

It should be the pearl grey, she decided, because Jim admired her in it. She began to dress, and all her movements betrayed a suppressed excitement.

She recalled, as she adjusted the bustle, how Jim had made her walk up and down before him before suddenly pouncing upon her and catching her up in his strong arms in a boyishly ardent bear hug.

Dressed, she surveyed herself in the cheval mirror, half turned, head over shoulder, retreated before the glass, advanced.

Perhaps, she considered, she ought to get Marie to take in a little—there at the shoulders—since it seemed a trifle loose over the breast.

Satisfied with her toilette, Mrs. Jameson shook out the dresses upon the bed and folded them. She stood a moment in thought.

Should she return them to the trunk? No. Rather hang them in the wardrobe.

Next she shook up the plumeau and laid upon the great white bed her full-length nightdress with the pink rosettes.

Beside it she placed a bigger gown, but coarser, bigger—a man's nightshirt. Upon the dressing table she set out a large leather case. It contained seven razors, one for each day of the week. Jim's razors. Last, she set out the ebony-backed hair brush with the big silver monogram J. J.—Jim's brushes.

Then Mrs. Jameson adjusted carefully her little pork-pie hat with its cheeky little feather and passed to the window humming to herself.

There she stood for a moment in contemplation of the mountain. Her eyes were directed to a certain point upon its white flank, a point below the great glacier that day, like a great tongue, lapping into the valley. Moving, indeed, towards the valley, scooping its way through a bed of rock, thrusting boulders from its path, was the glacier.

Then little Mrs. Jameson went out.

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Mrs. Jameson stood at the edge of the glacier and her face was quite transfigured, the cheeks flushed, the eyes bright. She looked almost girlish, like a bride waiting for her groom, one might have thought.

Suddenly, from one of the alpine guides strung out across the glacier, came a cry.

"Voici! Monsieur le docteur! At last! After all these years!"

The man fell upon his knees upon the ice, now an opalescent mass shot through with marvelous hues from the westering sun. For an alpine Winters' day is like the life of a butterfly, brilliant, but brief.

He brought down his ice-axe and the sharp sound of the impact sped like an arrow across the ice mass.

The other watchers converged upon the spot . . .

Down below them, in the ice, like a fly in amber, Dr. Jameson reposed in an attitude of life-like ease. His blue eyes were open and a soft smile as though some lovely memory had sweetened death, lingered upon his lips.

One arm was flung outwards, as a man might fling an arm to caress his well-beloved; in the other he grasped his ice-axe.

They knew her so well, her men who had watched and waited for so long, that they did not restrain her, but led her gently to that spot, a little woman in the furbelows of Victorian days.

And so, at long last, little Mrs. Jameson gazed down upon the bridegroom who had come back to her.

Then they led her gently away.

That evening little Mrs. Jameson carefully repacked the much-traveled trunk, folded each dress, laid it back.

She took from the great bed the homely white garment that earlier in the day she had laid beside her own dainty gown.

And, last, she took from the dressing table the razor case and hair brushes. And these, too, she put away.

Then, ringing the bell, she told the answering Marie to send the manager to her.

She received him sitting.

"Tomorrow," she announced, "the Doctor and myself will be returning to England.

Michael's London

By Elizabeth Montizambert (Hamish Hamilton, London, England)

A Review by V. C. TIMBERLEY

TO write about children's books is almost as difficult as writing the books themselves. Whatever is said by the publisher, the reviewer, or the bookseller, is of little note compared to the final judgment of the child reader. Unfortunately, for the small child, he scarcely ever has anything to say about the books bought for him.

This new book, "Michael's London," might be called a travel book for children. Michael and his cousin, Peter, are two small boys about seven years of age who make a game, or games, of exploring London under the very knowing guidance of Michael's governess, Maretta. Even H. V. Morton could learn a thing or two about London from this encyclopedic-minded governess.

Michael collects, in what he describes as his "Funny Book," the names of the animals, insects, fishes, flowers, etc., which he discovers on statues, memorials, plaques and on iron fences and monuments. This very English use of the word "funny" brings to mind someone's double definition, "funny peculiar" and "funny ha-ha."

The implication of the author is that these games can be played in any city, and to those dwelling in old world countries the book certainly could be a very useful diversion for bored children and unimaginative parents. In Victoria we have few statues, memorials or places of historical interest marked by statuary or sculpture. Some of the games suggested might be better adapted to various phases of nature study, which would be of much more value to the children.

For parents who would like their children to gain more intimate knowledge of London, England, than is to be got from the ordinary books of history and travel, this book holds many possibilities. It is full of bits of almost forgotten history, legend and human interests. In fact, it is doubtful whether a great deal of the information has ever penetrated the consciousness of the average Londoner who passes and sees most of these things hundreds of times every year.

Good books for children are not as rare as they once were. Of its type, "Michael's London" has its place among them. It is what might be termed the "guilded pill" type of book. It is packed with information which could easily be handed on to any intelligent child if given judiciously, otherwise it could very easily bore any restless and healthy-minded youngster.

"Hikers' Way" in Germany

IT should be very easy to do a walking holiday in Germany next season, with the new "Hikers' Way" the authorities are mapping out. This will go across Germany from the Saar to Silesia, a distance of 625 miles as the crow flies, the path itself being some miles longer. Footpaths will be marked with a distinctive signpost, a blue cross on a white background, and will take the traveler from Saarbrucken via Trier and Bacharach in the Rhineland, through the Taunus district, the Thuringian forest and the mountainous district called Saxon Switzerland to Upper Silesia. The varied nature of the country will allow the "Way" to be broken up into very different sorts of "Hikes."

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.—Isaiah, I, 17.

Suburb and Country

AGRICULTURE IS A FIRST PRINCIPLE: ON IT RESTS THE LIFE AND HAPPINESS OF MANKIND—Julian A. Dimock

When Dogs Go Lame

A DOG does not limp from mere fatigue. When he goes lame there is some definite cause, and it should be ascertained promptly and dealt with.

Too often the condition is neglected; the dog appears to be in good health and spirits, a perfunctory examination of the foot reveals no injury, and the owner concludes that it is nothing to bother about and that the trouble will "wear off."

True, it may be a minor injury, a thorn in the pad of the foot, which is easily extracted. But it must be extracted, or the foot may become very painful. On the other hand, it may be a cut or a cracked pad, a matter not quite so simple to treat.

Some dogs are more tender in the feet than others and if exercised too much on gritty roads—especially in hot weather—will suffer from soreness of the pads. The general remedy, of course, is to exercise them in the fields; reduce road-walking to a minimum.

A badly cracked pad may be dressed with boracic ointment and protected by a "boot" which can be made from a square of chamois-leather or an old glove. But in most cases painting with iodine is sufficient. Mud that has dried and caked between the toes will sometimes defy a dog's ability to lick his feet clean, and create a mild inflammation, for which again iodine is a useful application.

Tar Is Even Worse

BUT worse than mud is tar. Whenever possible, keep your dog away from a newly-tarred road. It is useless to attempt to remove the tar with water; oil or grease must be applied. And it is advisable to clean the dog's feet before the tar has a chance to dry hard and blister the pads.

A cut pad is a common worry, for which broken glass or barbed wire may be responsible. The first thing is to cleanse the wound of grit or dirt, and to staunch the bleeding.

The latter is often difficult, for if the pad is deeply cut haemorrhage may be profuse. The free application of hot and cold water alternately will sometimes prove effective; otherwise a tight bandage, or even a tourniquet should be applied just above the foot.

When the flow of blood is checked, the foot must be bandaged with lint, and, until healed, protected with a "boot."

When a dog constantly licks his pads, and they are seen to be pink, spongy and sore, eczema may be diagnosed. It is a particularly troublesome form of eczema, and unless the foot is dressed and bandaged there is always the chance that it will turn septic. A daily cleansing with surgical spirit is to be recommended. And the foot should be protected with a leather "boot."

Overgrown Claws

OVERGROWN claws are frequently a source of foot trouble and lameness. With some dogs, especially those that are rarely exercised on hard roads, a periodical nail-clipping is necessary. Too long, the nails will turn in and break, and soreness and suppuration will sometimes occur at the base of the claws.

Dew-claws can be particularly troublesome. Always liable to become overgrown, they will, if neglected, scratch and pierce the skin against which they grow, and cause infection by pus organisms.

In all such cases nail-clippers and tincture of iodine provide the remedy. Iodine should be painted on with a fine brush at least once a day. When a dog persists in licking the affected part it is advisable to apply lint and a secure bandage.

If the condition is allowed to continue, surgery may eventually become necessary. An ingrowing nail is not very harmful, but suppuration at the base of the claw can be serious and in any case is acutely painful. Sometimes the whole claw will have to be removed.

Rheumatism is a complaint to which many dogs are prone. Gun-dogs, because of the nature of their work, and the fact that they are often housed in draughty kennels, are frequent sufferers. So, too, are farm dogs.

But the house dog does not escape. And wrong feeding is often as much to blame as damp and draughts. Moreover, of course, some dogs have a predisposition to rheumatic ailments.

In treating rheumatism it is always necessary to revise the diet. Little or no red meat should be given, and the minimum of acid-forming foods. White meat, fish, milk, raw vegetable and starch-reduced biscuits are recommended.

Potassium iodide may be given: five grain doses for a fox terrier, and up to ten grains for a large dog twice daily for a fortnight or longer. Or calcium sodium lactate is a beneficial medicine.

Causes of Paralysis

PARALYSIS is another and much more serious matter. It may arise from a variety of causes, from an injury to the spine, from a cerebral disturbance, from a severe fracture, or it may be the legacy of distemper. Nervous paralysis may be due to some severe shock, and treatment by tonics and careful dieting and management will restore the dog.

Chronic and neglected constipation may be the cause of partial paralysis in an old dog. The remedy is obvious, if cure is not always easy. After-distemper paralysis can often be overcome by violet-ray treatment.

Akin to paralysis is chorea, or St. Vitus' dance, which results from a pathological change in the nervous system after acute distemper. Mild cases can sometimes be cured, but, generally speaking, the condition is a fatal one.

TO PREVENT SOIL FROM DRIFTING

To prevent their soil from blowing away in 1937 dust storms, thousands of farmers in the central great plains area of the United States are contour listing their fields with basin listers, under supervision of government agencies. Small dams made in the lister furrows hold all moisture that falls and keep it well distributed. Basin listing has been found to almost completely eliminate blowing of soil. This picture was made on a farm in Nebraska.

Plant Disease Losses

THE Division of Botany Plant Disease Survey Report for Canada impresses one with the enormous yearly destruction of farm crops by plant diseases. While it is too much to expect that such losses may be completely eliminated, nevertheless, scientific effort and experience have provided the means of contrilling many diseases of Canadian wide interest.

In the general sense plant disease control practices are forgotten as harvest time approaches, not to be resumed until the following Spring or Summer at the call of necessity apparent to the vast majority of farmers now benefitting from the advantages derived from spraying, disinfection, dusting, etc. For this reason it is advisable to consider the importance of extending the plant disease control programme past the customary time for conducting this important farming activity.

Sanitation, or the destruction of diseased plants in the field, is one of the primary safeguards against disease outbreaks the following Summer, for it is known that many plant disease organisms Winter over on various forms of debris. Those causing club root and Phoma rot of turnips are notable examples of diseases controlled very materially by sanitation. Celery trimmings provide Winter quarters for late blight, and the bacteria causing fire blight of fruit trees survive for some considerable time on prunings. Therefore all such material should be destroyed, preferably by burning.

Brown rot of stone fruits, a troublesome and destructive disease, survives the Winter in the "mummied" fruits now hanging on the trees. The simple expedient of gathering and burning these culprits, from the trees and off the ground, will minimize the ravages of the disease next Summer.

Late blight is the worst disease of potatoes with which the farmer has to contend. While its control is largely a matter of spraying, nevertheless, when present its destructiveness may be greatly minimized by the proper care of the crop immediately before and during the storage period. This disease does not commonly spread from tuber to tuber in storage, but the injury which it causes predisposes tubers thus affected to contract other serious rots which do spread in storage, thereby inflicting losses which would be greatly reduced by grading the crop and removing all tubers showing the slightest sign of rot.

Apples, likewise, suffer storage losses, much of which would be avoided by observing a few precautionary measures as follows. (1) Keep the air in the cellar fairly dry to prevent germination of the rot-producing spores so abundant under normal conditions. (2) Keep the temperature as low as possible without freezing, because rots develop most rapidly if it is warm. (3) Pick over the apples at regular intervals to remove all evidence of rot.

Bran Important Factor in Economical Feeding of The Rabbit Flock

WHEN asked what is the best staple food for use in the rabbitry we have no hesitation in naming bran, says an authority on the subject.

In addition to its value as a food, bran, while being bulky, is light and is, therefore, very economical in use, which is a point of particular importance to rabbit breeders.

It has been found possible in Spring and Summer, when the feeding quality of green-food is high, to get very satisfactory breeding results from does receiving no other concentrated food than a small daily ration of broad bran.

Fresh greens in variety are, of course, fed at the same time, and, in fact, make up about 75 per cent of the total ration.

Under these conditions fifty-six pounds of bran was sufficient to feed a stud numbering between fifty and sixty, including growing youngsters, for four weeks. With bran at $2 a hundred-weight, therefore, and wild green-food abundant and close at hand, feeding costs amounted to twenty-five cents a week—considerably less than a cent a head.

Good Results

WITH this diet it has been found that the health of the stock is good. Does keep their condition well, fertility is well up to standard and growth in the young stock quick and even. Losses among young stock are rare.

It will be clear that if rabbits can be maintained well at so little expense for about six months of the year it will allow of more money being spent on feeding in the remaining months, when greenfood is less abundant and nourishing, without unduly raising the year's running expenses. At the same time, the lower these expenses can be kept, the greater will be the profit made, and here again bran can be taken advantage of.

Bran should be the rabbit breeder's great stand-by in Winter feeding, for its use as the basis of all mashes helps out the more expensive foods. From 50 to 75 per cent of bran in a mash, in addition to bringing up the nutritive value of the mixture to full complement at a relatively low cost, provides adequate bulk and roughage, which are lacking in highly concentrated foods.

Bran can be used in various other ways than by mixing with feeding meals, oats, wheat, etc. Roots chopped into slices and mixed with dry broad bran, for instance, make a good feed.

Bruised apples and pears, useless for any other purpose, may also be mixed with bran, and make a feed of which rabbits are particularly fond. (The bruised fruit is harmless, but care must be taken not to include any which is rotten or which contains grubs.

Bran and Tea Leaves

ANOTHER feed which is always appreciated is a mixture of bran, tea leaves and orange peel cut into strips. Tea leaves themselves have little, if any, food value, but rabbits like them and they are useful as bulk and to introduce variety.

They should be used with discretion, however, as they contain a large proportion of tannin, which is a strong astringent and tends to have a binding effect; but bran is gently laxative, and this and the further addition of orange peel will fully counteract any ill effects.

It must be understood that when we mention bran as a valuable food we mean definitely the best broad bran and not the fine type, which is a little cheaper, but in most cases is of low nutritive value.

Broad bran may be recognized by its large flakes, and a good sample should leave the hand covered with white flour when plunged into it.

Fresh Water Essential for Egg Production

SUCH a large proportion of an egg consists of water that it is quite obvious that unless the birds are provided with water permanently and in an easily obtained and acceptable form they cannot possibly lay a profitable number of eggs.

Birds deprived of water have died within a few days, and only those which have been given only a limited supply have laid 80 per cent less eggs within eight days and have gone into a moult. In the season ahead, a common error is to provide water spasmodically, and this must result in an erratic production.

The water supply in the cold weather must be permanent, clean, unfrozen and easily obtainable. It is most important when the birds are housed intensively or in a back garden, or fed on dry mash.

Water becomes contaminated if the fowls can scratch litter into it or if they can perch upon the fount. All water vessels should be hung at least two feet high on the wall or on a platform on legs fitted with perches so that the birds can drink easily.

Natural supplies, such as those from manure heaps or from puddles on the ground are extremely dangerous, and the birds must be kept away from them.

The way to tell if a pelt rabbit is through the moult and the pelt is "clear," to allow of killing is by blowing back or brushing up the coat in every part of the body. No distinctly dark areas—moult spots—should be seen.

Leaves which have fallen and are lying in drifts in places are inclined to rot out grass, plants and other things beneath them. Gather them up at the earliest.

WINS CUP AT LONDON DAIRY SHOW

North Boig Bonnie Betty, six year-old Ayrshire, out of Boig Alexa, by Bankend Captain Cuttle, and owned by Matthew Hastings, North Boig, New Cumnock, Ayrshire, won the Rowallan Cup at the recent London Dairy Show. She was second in inspection, fourth in milking trials and third in butter test. Her average daily yield was 71.3 pounds of milk testing 5.13 per cent fat.

The Culture of Orchids

ORCHIDS were for years considered the rarest plants in cultivation. The sources of supply for rare types were sections of tropical America and Asia. Plant collectors from many countries gathered with difficulty specimens from their native habitats and at great expense shipped them to sections where they were grown in greenhouses and conservatories. The rarity and the cost of transportation gave orchid plants high valuation, says E. A. White, writing in The New York Times.

For years the only sources of supply were these native habitats, or European countries where orchid breeding had long been practiced. Previous to 1920 orchid seedlings rarely were seen in the United States. Difficulties of seed reproduction were responsible. Today thousands of seedling plants in all stages of development are being grown in commercial greenhouses, on private estates and in conservatories in public parks.

Dr. Lewis Knudson, Professor of Plant Physiology at Cornell University, had long been studying methods of germinating seeds difficult to start into growth. He made use of special nutritive solutions for seeds lacking sufficient nourishment to complete the germinating period. Among these were the minute orchid seeds. Dr. Knudson proposed a method of treatment by which the seeds are sown on a nutritive solution in sterilized flasks. His object was to provide immediately available food from the solution as soon as the seed starts to germinate. Experiments proved that the little seedlings develop with a high percentage of viability.

Orchids From Seeds

GROWING orchids from seeds is not a commercial practice only. Many orchid fanciers have become enthusiastic over the process. A medical doctor from Cleveland recently spent some time at Cornell University studying methods of preparing media and sowing seeds. Orchids and color photography are his hobbies. The doctor has but limited glass-house space, but has achieved remarkable success.

No novice should attempt the germination of seeds unless he has equipment for making the culture media under perfectly aseptic conditions and facilities for perfect sterility in all phases of culture, as the media easily become contaminated with various moulds, and other low organisms, fatal to the seedlings. Orchid seedlings are slow in reaching maturity. The period from the seedling stage to the flowering period is rarely less than six or eight years and frequently it is much longer.

Orchids for Amateurs

ESTABLISHED orchid plants, however, are not difficult to grow if their requirements are understood. Few plants will thrive under the deficient light conditions which orchids will endure. Many species in their native habitat grow in the shade of the foliage of other types of vegetation. Maximum light is therefore not a prime requisite for success in orchid culture, and (contrary to common belief) expensive greenhouses with high light efficiency are not essential.

Temperature requirements for orchids are more exacting. Some species come from the hottest parts of the torrid zones; others are native to cooler portions of the sub-tropical zone, frequently growing at high altitudes. Temperatures must, therefore, be varied to suit the plants which grow naturally in different latitudes.

Most orchids demand high humidity in atmospheric conditions. This makes their culture difficult in living-rooms and in some greenhouses. However, if correct temperatures can be maintained, a glass case can be placed in any room, and the atmospheric humidity within the case can be regulated by frequent light syringings with a fine spray, by damp moss below the pots, or by placing a water chamber under the case. A temperature of approximately 65 degrees Fahrenheit in the case is suitable for many orchids. Glass cases with perforated galvanized iron bottoms, placed in a shallow zinc tray filled with water, and now on the market, and reasonably priced. The case is placed in a window where there is strong light but little sunshine. A window with a northern exposure is preferable.

Seedling Plants Available

IT used to be somewhat difficult for an amateur to get orchid plants with which to experiment. However, with the large numbers of seedling plants now being grown by the new methods described above, good plants for the amateur's use can now be had at moderate cost.

Cattleyas or cymbidiums, which come from the cooler sections of South America, are good types for the beginner to experiment with. It must be realized that with orchids rest periods are important, and these periods come at definite seasons, varying according to the climatic conditions under which a particular species originally grew. Rest periods in orchids are induced by withholding water, not by low temperatures, as is the case with plants in the North Temperate Zone.

If one ventures into the exciting realm of orchid growing one must expect some failures, but the endeavor is repaid by the thrill of success which comes with the production of healthy plants, with their beautiful and long-lasting flowers, whether in the greenhouses or in the home.

Special Care Required in Horse Feeding Now

THE feeding of work horses calls for a little extra consideration at this season, when the animals are once more being stabled at nights. For some months to come they will be almost entirely dependent on hand feeding and dry fodder must take the place of the green feed to which they have been accustomed.

But it is desirable to make the change-over as gradually as possible, more particularly with animals known to be liable to digestive disturbance. Many horses readily get upset by a sudden change of diet.

Consequently, brief periods of grazing should still be allowed, so far as can be managed. The shortened hours of daylight do not, of course, permit of much—if any—grazing in the evenings in the case of horses that have been at work all day.

But there are days when work ceases early, and—till Winter really sets in—no opportunity should be missed of letting the animals out to grass for a while. At such times, and also on entirely "idle days," they are better running at pasture than standing in the stable, unless the weather is both wet and cold.

Care Must Be Taken

WE must not overlook, however, that a diet partly of green and partly of dry fodder may also cause digestive trouble unless proper supervision is exercised. The risk arises from the tendency of horses to eat too much at a time—when given the chance.

Green feed being commonly the most attractive, and being therefore eaten most greedily, a horse is specially liable to digestive upset if turned out to grass soon after a meal of dry fodder. But if the animal is first given a turn at grazing, he will not be tempted to overload his stomach.

When no occasional grazing can be allowed after the change-over to indoor conditions, it will be useful to include a couple of Swedes or a few carrots in the daily ration.

New Musical Museum

THE State Collection of Musical Instruments is now to be housed in a Museum of Automatic Sound which is being established in the Kreutz Palace, Berlin, one of the finest houses in the old part of the city. The collection is being transferred from the High School for Music in the Charlottenburg suburb. It includes several instruments formerly belonging to Johann Sebastian Bach and Frederick the Great, and also some used by the City Fife Players in 1600.

High Honor Is Conferred On Dominion Botanist By German Academy

A NOTABLY distinctive honor was recently conferred on Dr. H. H. Gussow, Ottawa, Dominion Botanist, Experimental Farms Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, when he was presented with the Diploma of the Imperial German Academy of Natural Sciences, Art and Medicine, in recognition of his long and distinguished work in the realm of botanical science. The presentation was made in behalf of the Academy by Ludwig Kempff, Consul-General for Germany, who made a special trip from Montreal for the occasion.

The ceremony took place in the office of Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and was attended by Dr. G. H. Barton, Deputy Minister, and the heads of the branches of the Department.

In presenting the diploma, Mr. Kempff said that it was awarded by the Academy in recognition of Dr. Gussow's contributions in the field of botanical research work. In Germany, Mr. Kempff explained, the Dominion Botanist is regarded as a distinguished scientist.

In reply, Dr. Gussow said he deeply appreciated the distinctive honor of being awarded the Diploma of the German Academy of Natural Research, which was founded in 1652. He was pleased to be a member of such an old and notable institution, and to be associated with such company as Thomas Henry Huxley, Goethe, Linne, the Prince Consort, husband of Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria, and many others. He was deeply grateful for the honor not only for himself, but for Canada and for the Dominion Department of Agriculture, with which most of his life's work has been associated.

Honored in Holland

ABOUT this time last year Dr. Gussow was made a honorary member of the Royal Netherlands Horticultural and Botanical Society as a mark of appreciation from the scientists of Holland of his work for the benefit of horticulture not only in Canada, but in other countries.

In recent years several honors have been conferred on Dr. Gussow. In 1910 he became a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and two years later was elected a fellow of the association.

He is a charter member (president, 1935) of the American Photo Pathological Society; a member of the Scientific Committee, International Agricultural Institute at Rome; was first president and later vice-president of the Canadian Phytopathological Society; a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; and has acted as the Dominion's representative at several international conferences. Dr. Gussow was born in Germany, but before coming to Canada, thirty years ago, he served with distinction in England. He was assistant to the Keeper of Botany of the British Museum; a member of the British Royal Microscopical Society; a member of the Linnean Society; an honorary fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society; a member of the British Association of Biology, of the Societe Mycologique de France, and corresponding member of Vereinigung fur Angewandte Botanik of the Societe Pathologie Vegetale de France.

Anaemia in Pigs Checked By Feeding Sods

NOW is the time to provide the means of avoiding anaemia in young pigs. During recent years thousands of young pigs in this province have been lost through this malady. However, the Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe, has found that when sods are given regularly to young pigs there is sufficient iodine in their systems to prevent the occurrence of anaemia.

Sods are taken from land where pigs have never been allowed to run thus reducing the risk of introducing worms. Any sod containing grass roots will serve the purpose, and quack grass sod may be profitably utilized in this way.

As an additional insurance against anaemia, the sods may be treated with a solution of ferric sulphate. Each sod is sprinkled with a solution of one teaspoonful of ferric sulphate to one quart of water before being put into the pen. However, this additional precaution is not usually necessary.

Violets grown in frames should be overhauled once a week, dead leaves, weeds, and runners being removed. Give ventilation in all but the worst weather and on no account shut the sash tightly.

How to Examine Hens to Determine Health and Ability to Produce

A FOWL'S legs or shanks provide the knowledgeable poultry-keeper with definite information upon laying and breeding power, and health. They are an easy part of the body to examine and, moreover, they respond to present production.

Legs are composed of bone covered with flesh, muscle, skin and scales, and carrying within their make-up pigment of various colors.

A fowl's leg bones are a sure guide to its general bone framework. Thus, if the legs are long and thick, it is probable that all the bones of the body are over-large and coarse, this pointing to a grave possibility of poor laying.

If the legs are long, but shrunken, and carrying little flesh, the bird is coarse and a really poor "doer." She will also show little flesh on the breastbone and her plumage will be loose and "staring." Such a bird should immediately be culled.

The opposite to coarse legs are those which are obviously thin, short and fine-boned. Such belong to the ultra-fine, small-bodied birds which, although often a specially high producer, will be found to lay small eggs, frequently of poor texture, and also be a poor breeder.

Coarse legs usually have wide, thick, loosely-laid scales, while those on fine quality legs are narrow and held very closely to the leg.

The medium-boned leg indicates good production with a sound breeding body. Excesses in either direction are bad.

Probably Poor Layer

LEGS which are rounded along the sides show an accumulation of fat and point to a fat-ridden bird which is probably a poor layer. As a check-up, her abdomen should be felt for hard deposits of fat.

Legs which are sunken along the sides point to an excessive loss of flesh, especially if there is also a shrivelled appearance.

A bird which has been laying heavily will have hard and tight leg scales with a minimum of flesh along the sides, indicating the withdrawal of fat to make eggs.

In yellow-legged breeds, the yellow pigment will have been used up if production has been good.

The skin at the rear of the legs is flexible, soft and pliable in good production, but stiff, hard and coarse in poor layers. As laying progresses, the legs become thinner, and in some cases a depression forms along the sides. As hens cease to lay, these "grooves" fill up.

We do not like to see legs which are covered half-way down with thigh plumage, for such heavy feathering points to coarseness.

The toes should be straight, well spread, but not too long. If the floor is solid, then the birds with worn toe nails prove themselves to be hard workers. Long curved nails are a bad sign.

Wide Apart and Parallel

THE way the legs are held can give us useful information. In a good layer, they will be wide apart and parallel, as the bird walks normally, showing a good width of body and ample space for egg organs.

Legs which bend inwards at the hocks show bone or body weakness.

The pad beneath the foot gives an indication of quality. In a good layer, it will be soft, pliable and silky; in a poor layer it will be found to be hard and wrinkly.

The condition of a fowl's leg can give valuable guidance to its state of health.

If the foot is swollen, the cause may be a local injury from a thorn, or brought about by the bird constantly jumping down from high perches.

Lameness, with swollen joints, points to tuberculosis, particularly if there are whitish joints. Gout may cause a soft swelling of the leg joints which feel hot to the touch and are obviously tender.

Birds affected with rickets have soft bones, with some swelling at the hock joint and down the legs.

The nodules of fowl may also be found on the bare part of the flesh just around the hock.

Gangrene is noted by a drying-up and wasting of the foot.

Tumors sometimes occur on the scaly part of the leg and the trouble known as scaly leg is indicated when the scales are roughened, loosened and raised.

The proper time to take cuttings of border chrysanthemums is next February. Thin out all the weakly growths from your chrysanthemums now and cut back the more robust ones. You will find that new suckers will spring from the base of the plants and from these cuttings should be taken.

A Page For CHILDREN

Ginger's Christmas Eve

By HONOR EVANS

IT is Christmas Eve once more, and I am about to aid my young mistress and her friends in delivering parcels. I have done so for several years, for although my real home is out in the country, my master lends me to his young friends for the cold Winter months. I occupy a very nice stall in a well-heated stable, so I think this is a very satisfactory arrangement. I can hear the bells tinkling as Jane gets the harness down from the rack. When I first came she used to have considerable difficulty putting it on properly, but now, after much practice, she is quite expert. I can always tell what my work is to be by the amount of grooming I am given before we go out. If I am just going to take Jane and some of her friends for a jaunt on the toboggan, she will only give me a hasty brushing, but if we are going out in the cutter and are to go where I will be seen by passers-by, she will often spend an hour or more in cleaning me beforehand, as she did today.

My name is Ginger and I am seventeen years of age, but you would never know it, except from the fact that I am never in a desperate hurry, unless, of course, I am coming home to my oats.

For the last two Christmases now, we have gone around to Jane's various friends' homes with presents, but this year there seem to be more gifts than usual, if I can judge from the amount Anne, Jane's sister, is putting in the cutter. It is a very cold day and Jane is wearing her father's coon coat, which is several sizes too big for her. Anne does not seem to be coming with us, as she just has her ordinary outdoor clothes on. At last everything is ready, we are about to start, when Anne comes running out of the house with a little red parcel that had been forgotten. Jane hurries me away in case we will be detained again.

The sun is shining very brightly on the snow. I can feel my breath condensing into rime on my sides. My feet make a sharp ringing sound on the frozen ground. The bells are keeping time with my movements. At first I used to object to their noise, but now, particularly at this time of the year, I really rather enjoy wearing them. Our first stop is just around the corner. Jane takes in a good-sized box and brings back several packages, which she stows under the seat. One of my blinkers is annoying me, so Jane gets out and fixes it, giving me a piece of sugar. Even though it is bad for my teeth, I am very fond of it.

We call at several other houses in our immediate neighborhood, getting rid of most of our load. Then we set off towards the city limits. It is now late afternoon and the sun is going down. As it lingers on the horizon the snow fades from a deep rose to a bluish grey. We turn off the main highway down a side road. The snow is deeper here and I cannot make such good time. About a mile or so from where we left the main road Jane turns me down a lane. Very little traffic has been along this way lately, because the snow nearly reaches to my knees. I do not remember ever having come this way before, I can see something through the trees that looks like a house, I hope it is the right place. It must be, because Jane pulls me up in front of a broken-down gate. The house itself is in a state of disrepair: several of the windows have been stuffed with rags to make up for the missing panes. Jane gets out and goes up to the door, carrying a very heavy box. The door is opened by a little boy, who appears very excited and runs into the house, calling for his father. The father takes the box from Jane and asks her in to get warm. The little boy is sent out to watch me and see that I do not run away. As if I would run off and leave Jane in such a lonely place! These man-creatures never seem to be able to understand us animals.

The little boy is talking to me. Perhaps I had better listen to what he is saying. He is thanking me, what for I cannot imagine; he is thanking me again, this time for bringing "the lady-with-the-box" out to his home. He is telling me that this year there weren't going to be any presents because his mother had gone away and left him and his daddy. She took all his father's money (which wasn't very much) and his little sister with her. His father couldn't go out and look for work because he hasn't got any shoes to wear. Last year, he says, a "lady-with-a-box" came and brought him toys and good things to eat, but that was because his mother had gone into town to some place and told the people there that there wouldn't be any Christmas for her children unless they helped. But he did not think they would come again this year, because there was nobody to ask them to now that his mother had left.

By this time he had got me feeling very sorry for him and also extremely angry with his mother. How any woman could go away and leave a dear little boy like that I simply cannot understand! He is stroking my nose with his thin little fingers. I wish I could give him a few pounds of my hay to eat, but I am afraid he would not thrive on it as I do. I wish Jane would hurry. If she does not come soon this little fellow is going to freeze to death. I am beginning to feel a little chilly myself and I am wearing a good thick Winter coat. I would like to be able to tell him to snuggle under the rugs in the cutter. Ah! here is Jane at last. My little boy's father is thanking her profusely and wishing her an extra-happy Christmas. She gives the boy some sugar to give to me. I take it very carefully so that my teeth will not hurt his little hand. He gives me a final pat and whispers another "Thank you" in my ear while Jane is getting settled. Then we turn around and start for home, waving good-bye to the little fellow and his father.

My heart is heavy as I think of that poor little chap and his father living out there with no friends or money. Jane is sad too, I think, for she lets the reins lie loosely on my back as I jog homewards. When we reach home I go into the stable for a large feed of oats and hay. I feel very thankful that I was able to help Jane in bringing joy and happiness to that little boy and his father.

"Potatoes, Mum?" inquires the Dog at Mrs. Furry's door.
"Oh, buy them, please," says Furry Tom, "I'm sure we need some more."
"Yes, do!" screams greedy little Fan, "let's roast them with the roast."
"No, baked inside their skins," cries Tim, "that's how I like 'em most."
"I want them mashed," mews Snowypaws. "Yum! Chips!" calls Furry Fred.
"Well, yes, I'll take that basketful," kind Mrs. Furry said.

—Photos by Harry W. Frees

Ding-Dong! Ding-Dong! The wedding bell is ringing high and clear.
The wedding of Miss Furry Mew! The wedding of the year!
The happy Bride looks very sweet in snowy lace and frill—
You'd love to see her blushing as she gently mews, "I will."
The Bridegroom doesn't look so sweet (the bridegrooms never do!)
But that's a thing we must not say to fond Miss Furry Mew!

A Happy New Year

TO the babies and the little folk who are the pride and joy of fathers and mothers who love them and watch over them! May they have smiles and laughter and warmth and love till they grow plump and rosy and happy in every hour of its 365 days. May sisters and brothers watch over them and guide their steps.

To the little children may it bring pretty stories and bright pictures and merry songs and wise and kind teachers. Let not angry words or selfish deeds spoil their days.

To the bigger children, may the new year bring strength and wisdom. They have a battle to fight with angry passions and selfish desires. As they play their games and learn their lessons, may they conquer what is evil and prepare to take their places as men and women, pure and strong and reverent. It is they who must carry on the war against what is evil in our little corner of the world. We have been given one of the most beautiful and in many ways the richest part of the world. Your fathers and mothers, relatives and friends have done much to improve it. It is for you to prepare to do your share.

Don't forget that your own home is the place to make a beginning. Fathers and, perhaps still more, mothers need your help. Be on the lookout for a chance to give it. Sisters and brothers, too, need (whether they know it or not) the kindness that only you can give.

Let the coming year be one upon which you can look back with gladness when old age overtakes you. Do your part in making your home what it should be—a foretaste of the home above.

You are old enough to know that there are homeless young people. It is not their fault. If there are any among you who can, by word or deed, make one of these happier, do not let the opportunity to do so pass. But it is time to stop.

Again, dear young readers:

A Happy, Happy New Year!

Out to Old Aunt Mary's

Wasn't it pleasant, O brother mine,
In those old days of the lost sunshine
Of youth, when Saturday's chores were through,
And the Sunday's wood in the kitchen, too,
And we went visiting, "me and you,"
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

It all comes back so clear today!
Though I am as bald as you are grey—
Out by the barn lot and down the lane
We patter along in the dust again,
As light as the tips of the drops of rain,
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

We cross the pasture and through the wood,
Where the old grey snag of the poplar stood,
Where the murmuring "red-heads" hopped awry,
And the buzzard "raised" in the "clearing" sky,
And lolled and circled as we went by,
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

And then in the dust of the road again,
And the teams we met and the countrymen;
And the long highway, with sunshine spread
As thick as butter on country bread,
Our cares behind and our hearts ahead,
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

And the romps we took, and our glad unrest!
Was it the lawn that we loved the best;
With its sweeping swing in the locust trees,
Or was it the grove with its leafy breeze,
Or the dim hay mow with its fragrancies?
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

Why, I see her now, in the open door
Where the little gourds grew up the sides and o'er—
The clapboard roof! And her face, ah, me!
Wasn't it good for a boy to see—
And wasn't it good for a boy to be
Out at old Aunt Mary's?

For, O my brother, so far away,
This is to tell you she waits today
To welcome us—Aunt Mary fell
Asleep this morning, whispering, "Tell
The boys to come" . . . And all is well
Out to old Aunt Mary's.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

New Year's Eve

O Cartmel bells, ring soft tonight,
And Cartmel bells ring clear,
But I lie far away, listening with my dear—

Listening in a frosty land,
Where all the bells are still,
And the small windowed bell-towers stand
Dark under heath and hill.

I thought that, with each dying year,
As long as life should last,
The bells of Cartmel I should hear
Ring out an aged past.

The plunging, mingling sounds increase
Darknesses' depth and height,
The hollow valley gains more peace
And contentment tonight.

The loveliness, the fruitfulness,
The power of life lived there
Return, revived, more closely press
Upon that midnight air.

But many deaths have place in men
Before they come to die;
Joys must be used and spent, and then
Abandoned and passed by.

Earth is not ours; no cherished space
Can hold us from life's flow,
That bears us thither and thence by ways
We know we should not go.

O Cartmel bells, ring loud, ring clear,
Through midnight deep and boar,
A year new-born, and I shall hear
The Cartmel bells no more.

—Gordon Bottomley.

Strange Story About the Opening of the Crystal Palace

IN every corner of the English-speaking world the news of the burning of the Crystal Palace will have been heard with regret and dismay.

Built eighty-five years ago to house the first great international exhibition, it has served many purposes.

The carrying out of what was then looked upon as an almost impossible task was due in large measure, to the Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, and great-grandfather of our King George VI.

In our days, when news travels so fast, the whole story of that great enterprise will have been told by the newspapers before you read this. From The Children's Newspaper is taken an odd story about the opening of the great Fair which has an added interest now that the Crystal Palace has vanished.

"We are to have many great and famous people here next year, perhaps more distinguished visitors than ever in our memory.

"A correspondent recalls this queer story of a pompous stranger who came to be received like a reigning sovereign at the Great Exhibition of 1851.

"The exhibition had been viewed with terror and dismay by the nervous, who wrote to the papers forecasting disaster from the influx of foreigners, and declaring that the presence of so many strangers would be seized as an opportunity to capture London and sack the capital.

"The opening ceremony was one of the proudest moments in the lives of the Queen and her Prince-Consort, both of whom were present with their children for the inauguration—in the great building which, now the Crysal Palace, then stood in Hyde Park, with its roof thrown over a collection of noble trees which the builders had left undisturbed.

"All the greatest people in our own land were present, and with them a host of royal and other dignitaries, princes, nobles, and ambassadors from the other nations of the world. The Queen and the Prince occupied thrones on the royal dais, and as the choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus there came the crowning incident of the day—a Chinaman, magnificently arrayed in Oriental robes, suddenly emerged from the throng and prostrated himself before the throne.

"Great was the astonishment; greater still the pleasure which all, including the Queen, experienced at the sight. But who was this noble stranger? His august name was not in the list of those invited. But, as all the world was represented, the thought occurred to the Court dignitaries that perhaps the Emperor of China had come unannounced.

"Where, then, should he be placed? The Lord Chamberlain had a hurried conference with the Queen and the Prince Consort, who urged that no mistake must be made in belittling the dignity of so important a visitor.

"So the stranger was placed between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Duke of Wellington and, thus escorted, walked at the head of the procession through the building, bowing and beaming with unaffected delight from side to side on all beholders.

"But he was not the Emperor of China after all; he was just one of the Emperor's enterprising subjects. It was discovered next day that he had crossed the ocean in a Chinese junk, which lay in the Thames and was open to inspection by the public at a shilling a head!"

Canada's Radium

IT is said that Canada has produced an ounce of radium. That does not seem much, but it is worth about a million dollars. The rock from which it is extracted is called pitchblende and is found near the shores of Great Bear Lake.

This wonderful substance gives out light and heat and does not seem to grow less. As most of you know, it was discovered in Paris by Professor and Madame Curie. That was about forty years ago. Both the discoverers are dead, but their daughter has continued their experiments in Paris.

Radium is used in hospitals and it is claimed that it is a cure for painful diseases. Madame Curie oversaw its use during the war, and gained the gratitude of the soldiers.

Only tiny quantities are kept, even in great hospitals. They are encased in heavy cylinders or globes of lead or alloy when not in use. The great Westminster Hospital has only four grammes, but that was worth about $2,000,000. The Canadian discovery will make this rare and almost priceless substance cheaper.

They Glide Upon Their Endless Way

They glide upon their endless way,
For ever calm, for ever bright,
No blind hurry, no delay,
Mark the daughters of the night;
They follow in the track of day,
In divine delight.

And oh! how still beneath the stars
The once wild noisy earth doth lie;
As though she now forsook her wars
And caught the quiet of the sky.
Pride sleeps; and Love (with all his scars)
In smiling dreams doth lie.

Shine on, sweet orbed souls, for aye,
For ever calm, for ever bright
We ask not whither lies your way,
Nor whence ye came, nor what your light;
Be still—a dream throughout the day,
A blessing through the night!

—Barry Cornwall.

Tottie (aged five)—I wonder why so many babies is born in the night time?

Lottie (aged seven, a little wiser)—It's cos they wants to make sure of findin' their mothers at home.

Asleep at the Zoo

CHILDREN in many great cities have the opportunity to study animals in the Zoological Gardens. Some of these creatures may be studied here in their own homes by young people. For the sake of those who take an interest in outdoor life, the following article is copied from The Children's Newspaper. Perhaps some of you can find out whether or not our frogs can burrow. The grown-ups would like to hear.

The Zoo is a dormitory for many reptiles and mammals just now for the season of hibernation is here.

Warm-blooded animals, such as the hedgehog, the doormouse, the squirrel, and others, are already either asleep for weeks at a time, perhaps until Spring comes again, or so drowsy that they care little for food.

Others, such as reptiles, are deep in insensibility, for cold is to them as complete a check of activity as heat is to certain fishes in the height of Summer in scorching tropical lands.

Our Zoo bears do not hibernate, but in their native North they do, as completely as an English doormouse. Our frogs and toads afford as complete evidence as anything in the world of the power of animal life to adapt itself of loss of warmth at this time of year.

They can be studied better in a garden than at the Zoo, and two surprising things may be noted. Where pond water is deep and the bottom muddy frogs will sing to the bottom, and there, seeming barely alive, will pass the Winter unharmed, even though thick ice forms on the surface of the water above them. bottom muddy frogs will sink to the bottom, lacking mud in which the frog may bury itself, the ground furnishes the Winter cradle.

The Burrowing Frogs

AGAINST all other evidences pointing to apparent weakness and softness of their limbs, they sometimes burrow in the ground, making little pits even in paths of shingle and cinder, and there, perfectly hidden, sleep away the Winter.

In early Spring the scene seems to undergo a number of little eruptions, and out from the ground pop a multitude of buried frogs, to make at once for water and secure mates, with whom they remain until the females have laid their eggs, perhaps weeks later. Not one of the host, male or female, has eaten food for four or five months.

There in their ponds or concealed burrows in the ground, they are lying torpid now, like the hundred adders which, with their poison-sacs charged with deadly venom, are coiled insensible underground at the Zoo.

To prepare for their long fast the sleeping animals and reptiles fed voraciously during Autumn, and retired fortified with masses of fat which will furnish them with energy enough to keep them alive and well during their long sleep.

The Tin Soldier

By HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

THERE were once five and twenty tin soldiers; they were all brothers, for they had all been born of one old tin spoon. They shouldered their muskets and looked straight before them: their uniform was red and blue and very splendid. The first thing they had heard in the world when the lid was taken off the box had been the words, "Tin soldiers." These words were uttered by a little boy clapping his hands; the soldiers had been given him, for it was his birthday, and now he put them on the table. Each soldier was exactly like the rest; but one of them had been cast last of all, and there had not been enough tin to finish him; but he stood as firmly upon his one leg as the others on their two, and it was just this soldier who became remarkable.

On the table on which they had been placed stood many other playthings, but the toy that attracted the most attention was a neat little castle of cardboard. Through the little windows one could see straight into the hall. Before the castle some little trees were placed round a little looking-glass, which was to represent a clear lake. Waxen swans swam on this lake and were mirrored in it. This was all very pretty; but the prettiest of all was a little lady, who stood at the open door of the castle; she was also cut in paper, but she had a dress of clearest gauze and a little narrow blue ribbon over her shoulders that looked like a scarf, and on the middle of this ribbon was a shining tinsel rose as big as her whole face. The little lady stretched out both her arms, for she was a dancer, and then she lifted one leg so high that the tin soldier could not see it at all, and thought that, like himself, she had but one leg.

"That would be the wife for me," thought he, "but she is very grand. She lives in a castle, and I have only a box, and there are five and twenty of us in that. It is no place for her. But I must try to make acquaintance with her."

And then he lay down full length behind a snuff box which was on the table; there he could easily watch the little dainty lady, who continued to stand on one leg without losing her balance.

When the evening came all the other tin soldiers were put in the box and the people in the house went to bed. Now the boys began to play at "visiting" and "at war" and "giving balls." The tin soldiers rattled in their box, for they wanted to join, but could not lift the lid. The nutcracker threw somersaults and the pencil amused itself on the table; there was so much noise that the canary woke up and began to speak, too, and even in verse. The only two who did not stir from their places were the tin soldier and the dancing lady; she stood straight up on the point of one of her toes and stretched out both her arms, and he was just as enduring on one leg, and he never turned his eyes away from her.

Now the clock struck twelve—and bounce!—the lid flew off the snuff box; but there was not snuff in it, but a little black goblin; you see, it was a trick.

"Tin soldier," said the goblin, "don't stare at things that don't concern you."

But the tin soldier pretended not to hear him.

"Just you wait till tomorrow," said the goblin.

But when morning came and the children got up, the tin soldier was placed in the window, and whether it was the goblin or the draft that did it, all at once the window flew open, and the soldier fell head over heels out of the third story. That was a terrible passage. He put his leg straight up and struck with his helmet downward and his bayonet between the paving stones.

Hooey—Do you believe in evolution, the theory that one species of animal can be transmuted into another?

Blooey—Well I've known a Welsh rabbit to become a night mare.

If there is a virtue in the world at which we should aim, it is cheerfulness.—Bulwer-Lytton.

A Friendly Gift

THAT wonderful old gentleman whom boys call the Chief Scout has been writing a letter to The London Times. It is about a meeting with a Swedish officer, and Lord Baden-Powell says:

"He had been Commandant of the Scandinavian Corps which fought against us in the South African War in 1900, and on behalf of its members he presented me with a medal which they wear in commemoration of that campaign.

"In performing this charming little act of goodwill, he pointed out that the design consisted of a large cross which embraced in its four quarters the arms of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland, respectively. He then put to me a fact which possibly is not widely noticed, namely, that of all the nations in the world it is only the four cousin nations, and their very near relation Great Britain, who carry the Cross on their national ensigns; and he added that it was significant that these five, true to their emblem, carried out as no others did the true principles of practical Christianity in their conduct and outlook.

"The consequent peaceful prosperity and happiness of the peoples concerned and their mutual neighborly goodwill supplied another object lesson and an example which others might well ponder and pursue in these days of chaotic unrest."

Christmas Morning

If Bethlehem were here today,
Or this were very long ago,
There wouldn't be a Winter time,
Nor any cold or snow.

I'd run out through the garden gate,
And down along the pasture walk,
And off beside the cattle barns
I'd hear a kind of gentle talk.

I'd move the heavy iron chain
And pull away the wooden pin;
I'd push the door a little bit
And tiptoe very softly in.

The pigeons and the yellow hens
And all the cows would stand away,
Their eyes would open wide to see
A lady in the manger hay,

If this were very long ago
And Bethlehem were here today.

And Mother held my hand and smiled—
I mean the lady would—and she
Would take the wooly blankets off
Her little boy so I could see

His shut-up eyes would be asleep,
And he would look like our John,
And he would be all crumpled too,
And have a pinkish color on

I'd watch his breath go in and out
His little clothes would all be white
I'd slip my finger in his hand
To feel how he could hold it tight,

And she would smile and say, "take care."
The mother, Mary, would "Take care".
And I would kiss his little hand
And touch his hair.

While Mary put the blankets back
The gentle talk would soon begin.
And when I'd tiptoe softly out
I'd meet the wise men going in.

—Elizabeth Madox Roberts, in "A Hundred Best Poems."

'Dad, it says here that a certain man was a financial genius. What does that mean?"

"That he could earn money faster than his family could spend it."

Motorist—I will give you $5 for that picture.

Artist—Won't you wait until I have finished it?

Motorist—No, I want the canvas to mend a puncture.

Features of the Forest

By Robert Connell

TO the newcomer, perhaps the most striking thing about our B.C. coast scenery is the seemingly boundless extent of forest. It seems to be the realization of the poet's idea of a wilderness, a "boundless continuity of shade." Look where you will outside the strips of cultivated lowland and the areas that have in recent times been logged or burnt, you will see from shoreline to mountain top an unbroken cover of coniferous woodland. The prevailing color, dark green passing into neutral grey and then into blue in the distance, suggests uniformity of composition. Taking a wide view of the forest landscape, it seems to lack those variations of tint and those effects of foliage texture that mark the woodlands of older countries.

North America has been described as a continent of extremes, and a prairie dweller might feel at first he had passed from sameness to sameness. But just as the virgin prairie extending for hundreds of miles loses its apparent monotony when regard is given to its wonderful variety of plant life, so our vast forest takes on another aspect when its component parts are observed and known. Attention to its features, its trees, their species and associations, the factors that make up a forest, reveal it as a world in which sameness is only seeming and monotony only the superficial mode of its existence.

Winter Tapestry

OUR forest is predominantly coniferous and evergreen, for which reason our tapestry is little changed in Winter. It has many species of cone-bearing trees, fifteen west of the Cascades to Ontario's eleven. Thirteen of them are found on Vancouver Island. Our forest and that of Washington and Oregon forms part of the cool rain-forest of the shores of the American North Pacific, a region of heavy rainfall and moderate temperatures. It thus stands in contrast with the tropical forests of South America, Asia and Africa, where broad-leaved hardwood trees of an immense variety of species occur, and even with the temperate and sub-tropical forests of the eastern part of this continent, with its richly varied hardwoods, some fifty of which, large and small, occur in Ontario alone. But however much we may admire the hardwood forests of other countries, and they are no doubt exceedingly beautiful, our own coniferous forests are, in the words of G. F. Allen, of the U.S. Forest Service, "in some respects the most wonderful in the world." Not only in the variety of trees but in their great size is this true, for with these trees magnitude is joined to a majestic beauty which rarely fails to impress and of which we can scarcely grow weary. After many years on the Pacific Coast I can never pass one of these giants or a group of them (and they are commoner than is often thought) without stopping to admire the great pillar of living tissue, with its crown of foliage reaching far above into the light and air of the sky; or, in solitarily grown specimens, the huge branches, each large enough for a tree in itself, that, beginning from the ground, spread outwards as they did in the giant's childhood.

THE PRIDE OF THE REGIMENT

The Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment (M.G.), Photographed With the Officers of the Unit at Ganges Recently. On the Left of the Picture Is Hon. Lieut.-Col. F. A. Lindsay. Next to Him Are Lieut.-Col. Walter Bapty, Officer Commanding; Major Eric Henderson, Second in Command; and Pipe Major Donald Cameron, W.O.

The West Coast

LARGE "pure," or homogenous, stands of trees are of course the delight of the logging operator, and such stands of Douglas fir, hemlock and cedar, respectively, are common, their occurrence depending on conditions of soil, moisture and light, and partly on favorable opportunities of seeding in the first place. But usually a walk through the forest shows more than one species, though the proportion of one to the other may be different. Thus in that splendid piece of forest along the West Coast Road, beyond Jordan River, there is a mingling of Douglas fir, cedar, hemlock and spruce, the two last predominating. In some places, however, as for example along the hills above Saanich and Finlayson Arms, Douglas fir monopolizes the ground. North of the Uplands golf course and along the crossroad between Mount Tolmie and Cadboro Bay, there are some pure stands of white or grand fir, and along the Jordan River Road this side of the village, there used to be a singularly fine though small pure spruce stand. Lodgepole pine is frequently found in pure forests, but western white pine is, so far as I know, usually found scattered about among other species. Cedar forms pure stands in rich bottom lands. Hemlock is usually mixed with other trees, though it may predominate, but on the West Coast pure stands occur.

Thus the coniferous forest is usually interesting because of its mixed species. But in addition it furnishes another attraction to lovers of trees. Most people who keep their eyes open know that there is a tendency among living things to vary, and this tendency is found even among the somewhat conservative cone-bearers, and in some instances is taken advantage of by the growers of trees for market. Thus there is in some species rather marked differences of foliage color. Some spruces are much bluer in color than the average tree of the species is. It is particularly marked along the edge of the forest near the seashore or by the banks of a larger stream. The common or Sitka spruce has also in some of its members a very marked variation in foliage form. The typical tree is stiff, with short branchlets of the same character, but trees are met with that have the foliage softer, the branches more pliant, and the branchlets long and loosely pendant so that they sway in the wind. These branchlets may be several feet long. A tree of this kind, the first I saw, grew for years on the east bank of Muir Creek, but appears to have been destroyed by erosion of the bank. There is one on the west side below the bridge almost opposite where the first-mentioned one stood. There are a number on the flats of the Sooke above the bridge, and recently Harvey Young, of Otter Point, and I found a specimen on a hillside on his farm. The Douglas fir also indulges in a blue form though not quite so marked as that of the spruce.

Up on the Mountains

AS the coniferous forest rises from the salt water almost to the summits of the highest mountains it changes its features slowly, but certainly, until at length it loses its original character entirely and is reduced to a few scattered trees. It is, however, not simply a change in numbers and in relation: the species of the lower forest disappear, to be replaced by others which, in turn, suffer displacement. Up to a height of about 3,000 feet the trees to which I have already referred continue more or less except that the lovely fir Abies amabilis replaces the grand or silver fir, Abies grandis, at lower levels. It is the region of large trees, of which one may say, in favorable spots at least:

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks
Bearded with moss and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight
Stand like Druids of old, with voices sad and prophetic,
Stand like harpers hoar with beards that rest on their bosoms."

At about 1,000 feet, sometimes at sea level, occurs the yellow cypress. About 3,000 feet up the mountainside one may begin to look out for the mountain hemlock, which becomes the forest tree of the sub-alpine portion of the mountain, and when the compact slender spires of the alpine fir appear, one is definitely on the upper confines of the forest. It first appears in the forest proper with the mountain hemlock. Its last appearance is as a wind-swept, more or less recumbent shrub, the last relic of the timber belt. The lodgepole pine I put by itself because of its extraordinary persistency of character. It grows everywhere, establishing itself as easily and freely in the shallowing waters of a swamp as on the dry gravelly ridges of a fire-swept hillside. By the sea, as at Oak Bay Golf Links, it is a picturesque object, somewhat resembling the stone-pine of Italy and fully justifying its botanical name of Pinus contorta, the twisted pine. Elsewhere it grows straight and strong, and especially so in the interior of the province, where its use by the Indians earned it its popular name of lodgepole pine. Up on the windy ridge of Mount Cokely, one of the high points of Mount Arrowsmith, it grows as a small, dwarfed shrub, the slowness of whose growth is reflected in the closely clustered cones of successive years.

Line of Distinction

THERE is, of course, no hard and fast line of distinction between the successive zones of conifers in the ascent of a mountain. Much depends upon the side taken and its relation to moisture and sunlight. Thus at the north end of Vancouver Island the yellow or Alaska cypress comes down to the sea. A few small, shrubby trees are found in the valley of the Sooke about 200 feet above the sea. It attains tree size above Bear Creek on the slopes of Mount Valentine at a height of about 1,750 feet. On the Forbidden Plateau it forms an open forest of large trees at a height of about 4,500 feet. The white pine is by no means a high mountain tree with us, though its botanical specific name, "monticola," means "mountain dweller." It is increasingly spreading quite close to sea level at the present time, and may be seen growing along both the Island Highway north of Cobble Hill and the Jordan River Road between Muir and Kirby Creeks. There used to be beautiful trees of this species in the Goldstream Lakes country about Jack and Loon Lakes, but I suppose they have been largely destroyed by Victoria's logging enterprise on its watershed.

So far our attention has been given to the coniferous trees. We must not, however, forget the deciduous broad-leaved ones that, while they play an inconspicuous part in our forests as a whole, yet by their comparative scarcity and their individual merits are objects of great interest and pleasure. They cover no extensive areas; they do not attain the towering heights of their softwood comrades; and they are only too often crowded out and killed by their hardy competitors. First it may be worth while enquiring how it is that in our Pacific forest there are so few species of hardwoods and so little area covered by them. The answer is found, I think, in the psysiography and geological history of the country.

Mountain Wall

FROM Alaska to Southern California extends the great mountain wall of the Canadian Coast Range, the Cascades, and the Sierra Nevada, a wall that effectively makes the country west of it a distinct unit. During the last epoch of glaciation the Tertiary plants of the North Pacific Coast were steadily driven south before the advancing glacial conditions. Great destruction undoubtedly ensued, resulting in the disappearance of many species, particularly of the less resistant trees. When the ice finally retreated the conifers held the field and, accompanied by a few of the more hardy and persistent species of deciduous trees, they proceeded to move north again, and this southern settlement and the return migration gave us the great coastal forest of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. In places, especially along the south and southeast end of this Island the hardwoods were undoubtedly the first settlers, since the invasion of their forests by the conifers is actually visible today. A striking example is to be seen on the south side of Mount Douglas, where, on the long ridge extending out from the mountain, the remains of the old oak forest exist, some of the trees still alive, others killed by the smothering influence of the dense growth of firs. A century ago, or perhaps less, there existed here only a few scattered Douglas firs, now remarkable for their size and for their great spreading branches, which show that they did not grow under ordinary forest conditions. Since their maturity was reached an army of young firs has sprung up, in the heart of which the dead trunks of the older oaks are seen, white and ghostlike. Along the edge of this new forest living oaks occur, and one of these is of great size, its huge trunk hollow, but with a mighty spread of branches still bearing leaves. Many years ago another of these old giants, but a dead one, was still in existence on the ridge, but has disappeared. The same story can be told of the broadleaf maple, which in opener forest still struggles higher and higher toward the sky, but succumbs before the denser growth.

Broadleaf Maple

THE broadleaf maple is to be seen as a part of the forest in favorable localities, where by reason of soil and moisture conditions the conifers do not flourish. One beautiful and picturesque stand of this maple is just north of Pike Lake, along the east fork of the Thetis Lake Road, where in a hollow drained by a small stream the hillside is clothed with very fine and lofty maples. Stream valleys are favorite haunts of this tree, and on the grassy flats that occasionally occur very large specimens occur. To see the maple at its best one must indeed find it in some such open spot, where it can expand its branches freely. Maples of that type of growth are to be seen on the Indian Reserve on Esquimalt Harbor, and the vicinity of Cadboro Bay has always been famed for its noble specimens.

The Garry oak, our only native species, forms in some places large pure stands: the Uplands is one of these, and in fact oak makes almost the whole of the woodland from the Uplands Golf Links to the corner of the Normal School grounds, and there are other areas in the vicinity. The finest specimens, however, are to be found where it grows either as a solitary tree or in a small group. Alone it develops a fine spread of branches and sometimes a trunk eight or ten feet high, or even more, before the branches are reached. Its grey bark, with its narrow furrows and wide flat ridges between, and its dark green shining foliage complete the distinguished appearance of large, well-grown trees. It is, unfortunately, confined to this end of the Island, with a small outpost at Comox.

An abundant feature of the forest in moist places is the red alder, whose title of "red" is derived from the color of the wood, even the white sapwood taking a reddish tint when cut from the inner bark. It is a tall, slender tree, and in its usual pure stand its silvery grey bark imparts a very decided change in appearance to the woods. In the heart of the forest the trunks grow erect, but by the sea and along streams they bend outwards. These alder woods give to the distance one of the early indications of Spring as their innumerable tassels register in their changing color the quickening flow of life, and thus changing the aspect of the forest.

The Aspen Poplar

THE aspen poplar forms small stands here and there at the south end of the Island. Never anything more than a quite small tree, and looking very insignificant beside even the alder and maple, and less straight than in the Interior and on the prairies, the aspen poplar is nevertheless a rather pretty component of the lighter forest growth. Its white bark, its slender trunk, its rounded canopy of foliage, and its twinkling, trembling blue-green leaves all make it a pleasure to the eye.

The stands of cottonwood poplar are not large or numerous. Here and there in some moist hollow rise the tall pale grey trunks, with their furrowed surface, crowned with a head of shining yellowish green leaves. The cottonwood becomes under favorable conditions a large and lofty tree of handsome appearance. Its honeyed scent is not the least of its attractions and one that often calls attention to the tree before it is visible.

The willows play their part in the forest less conspicuously because of their usually small size: where they attain the dimensions of trees they are usually on the forest's fringe about the seashore or by a mountain stream or lake. The arbutus is another tree that is chiefly confined to dry open places in the forest, and there its bright red bark gives a curiously exotic touch to the otherwise sombre coloring. Of late years the arbutus has become very plentiful in certain places, notably between Colwood and Luxton. Its fruits are attractive to birds, and thus its seed is carried far and wide, though not always to successful germination.

Thus the forest is not featureless, but on the contrary has all the variety we associate with life. In the depths of the coniferous woods, among the picturesque mossed and ferny trunks of the maples, under the branches of the great oaks, in the glades where the alders grow, one may say with George Meredith:

"No Paradise is lost for them
Who foot by branching root and stem,
And lightly with the woodland share
The change of night and day."

This Week's Best Books

By LIBRARY SERVICE

THIS week's list of new books at the Public Library include such subjects as political science, drama and playwriting, literature and travel. In the subject of political science, "World Politics, 1918-1935," by R. P. Dutt, will interest many readers. All those interested in the drama, playwriting and acting and reading, will be glad to hear of the addition of the following books: "Handbook for the Amateur Actor," by V. H. Cartmell; "Technique of Playwriting," by J. H. Lawson; "New Plays for Christmas," by A. P. Sanford; "Seven Plays," by Ernest Toller, and "Shakespeare's Imagery and What It Tells Us," by C. F. Spurgeon.

In the literature section, we have two new books of verse: "The Bad Parents Garden of Verse," by Ogden Nash, and "Book of Humorous Verse," by Carolyn Wells, comp.; and a new book of sketches by the inimitable and ever-amusing Clarence Day entitled "After All."

For those interested in travel, "Southern Gates of Arabia," by F. M. Stark, is a most readable travel book about a little-known land—the southern part of Arabia, site of the famous incense routes of antiquity.

"World Politics, 1918-1919," by R. P. Dutt, is a review of such questions as war and peace, the League of Nations, Colonial empires, the relations of East and West, Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia, Fascism and Communism as parts of a single world process during the year 1918-1936. The author is a well-known Marxist writer and editor of The Labour Monthly.

Technique of Playwriting," by John Howard Lawson. In this book the author discusses the rules which govern playwriting and the effect of dramatic thought from Aristotle to the present day upon the drama. Mr. Lawson is admirable in writing about the more practical problems of the playwright and in this book gives some excellent material for the student of playwriting.

"Handbook for the Amateur Actor," by Van H. Cartmell. A book for the amteur actor and director which discusses in detail such points as tryouts; posture, gesture, stage business; learning the parts; articulation, timing, etc.; directing, and costumes. The second half of the book contains the script of a one-act play with running commentary for the director in addition to the usual stage directions.

"New Plays for Christmas," by Mrs. Anne Putnam Sanford. Fourteen plays about Christmas in which "an attempt has been made to meet the needs of dramatic groups for both religious and secular entertainments either in church, club or assembly hall. Plays of simple and inexpensive setting and costuming. All but three require the payment of a royalty.

"Seven Plays," by Ernst Toller. Seven social dramas and tragedies translated from the German. "In these seven plays Toller has flung into the glare of the footlights all the social evil of the modern industrial state convulsed in crisis. They are written for the theatre and only on the stage are Herr Toller's gifts fully realized, but even from reading them one can guess at the intensity of his scenes. Each one of the plays has something to say and "all have in them that fierce outcry against the world's woe that is the strongest and shrillest note in every song that Toller has to sing."

"Shakespeare's Imagery and What It Tells Us," by C. F. E. Spurgeon. This is the first of a series of books in which the author expects to synthesize the results of ten years labor in gathering and classifying Shakespeare's images—metaphors, similes, personifications, etc. It is the author's thesis that we can learn much concerning the poet and his views on life and his own works through this extensive study of his imagery. Dr. Spurgeon's book is a distinctive contribution to Shakespeare criticism.

"The Bad Parents Garden of Verse," by Ogden Nash. Some of this humorous verse about children appeared before the author was a father, some of it was written afterwards. Parenthood has obviously softened his attitude.

"Book of Humorous Verse," by Carolyn Wells, compiler. A selection of the best items of humorous verse that have appeared in recent years has been added, to bring this famous anthology up-to-date.

"After All," by Clarence Day, is a revision of the author's "The Crow's Nest" from which he has excluded some contributions and to which have been added twenty-eight that have never appeared before in book form. "After All" is liberally peppered with penetrating sketches of great characters reminiscent in their simplicity of outline and in their vivid sense of life of the accounts of Father himself. There are some priceless papers here, sketches and verses all blending philosophy and a delightful humor.

"Southern Gates of Arabia," by Freya Madeline Stark. This book by the author of "The Valley of the Assassins" describes a journey from Aden in Southern Arabia eastward into the Hadhramaut country. Miss Stark's object on the trip was to search for traces of the ancient and medieval incense routes. It is a delightful book by a highly accomplished, courageous and graceful writer; it stirs the imagination by its well-informed and reasoned presentation of the possible—and probable—far-famed Southeast Arabian "Incense Routes" of remote antiquity, as well as meriting attention and admiration for its keen interest in and exact accounts of local customs, actions, prejudices and characters. Miss Stark makes us see a great deal of the strange little world which still lingers on in these remote upland valleys of Southern Arabia. The maps are admirable and the photographs superb.

Other recent titles in non-fiction are:

"Child Psychology," by John Jacob B. Morgan.

"Social Services: A Historical Survey," by W. H. Wickwar.

"Classification and Use of Finger Prints," by E. R. Henry.

"Finger Print Instructor," by F. Kuhne.

"Anglo-Saxon Reader," by James Wilson Bright.

"Introduction to German," by E. Prokosch and Bayard Q. Morgan.

"Beginners German," by E. H. Zeydel.

"Problems of the Deaf," by Max Goldstein.

"Engineer's Manual," by Ralph G. Hudson.

"Auto-Radio Manual," by Rider.

"How to Make Lantern Slides," by F. R. Fraprie.

"Lantern Slides" (No. 6 New Photographic Handbooks), by Dr. B. T. J. Glover.

"Surprising Adventures of Baron Munchausen," by Munchausen.

"War Memoirs of David Lloyd George," volume V. by David Lloyd George.

"England: A History of British Progress," by Cyril Edward Robinson.

"P.L.M.: Peoples, Landfalls and Mountains," by H. Wolfe.

"Weepings and Wailings," by J. C. Squire.

"James Maxton: Portrait of a Rebel," by Gilbert MacAllister.

By MARION ISABEL ANOUS

"A Prayer for My Son" (Doubleday, Doran & Co.), by Hugh Walpole. Is maternal love a myth as the moderns would have us believe, or is it an instinct stronger than life itself? That is the theme of Mr. Walpole's latest novel which deals with the awakening of Rose Clennell, an unmarried mother, who had surrendered her son to his paternal grandfather, Colonel Fawcus, after the death of Humphrey, her lover.

For ten years Rose had lived a busy life at Geneva, where she and her modern young friends spoke cynically and decisively about human relationships and made brittle comments about life and love. The only thing was that Rose, in her heart, did not quite believe the things she said so aptly. She had known glory and ecstasy when Humphrey had been alive, and at his death something had frozen in her, something that kept her from indulging the natural instincts that motherhood almost inevitably brings.

Unexpectedly Colonel Fawcus invited Rose to visit Scarfe Hall in the Lake District, and, with hesitation, the girl accepted. She found herself pitchforked into strange and inexplicable events. There was young Michael, John's tutor, who fell in love with her in the approved manner of the true knight-errant, as he was to show her in her hour of need. And there was Mrs. Parkin whose malicious gossipy propensities made or marred people socially, and who bore Rose an especial grudge—perhaps because Rose had tasted life as the Mrs. Parkinses of this earth never could. There was also Mr. Rackstraw, a drunken clergyman who realized something of the conditions at Scarfe Hall.

But more intricate than any of these relationships were those between Rose and her son John and between Rose and Colonel Fawcus. John was a sensitive, loving child, just beginning to realize something of the irregularity of his birth, longing to go to school with other boys and share their games and pleasures, slightly on the defensive against the mother who had deserted him for ten years, and afraid of yet loving his grandfather.

Colonel Fawcus presented the greatest problem. Although nearly seventy, he was a lusty animal to whom the years had given an inflated picture of his past virility and his power in the community. He saw himself as a man who radiated power, should have had power over his fellow-creatures, but who carelessly had thrown away his chances to be a Hitler or a Mussolini in England. He also saw himself coming to fruition through John. Rose had to combat his plans, win John's love and trust and aid Janet to escape from her sadistic father in an atmosphere that bordered almost on the mediaeval.

The story is fascinating, the prose richly satisfying and abounding with unusual metaphors, and the whole book is permeated the Walpole charm.

"Eyeless in Gaza" (The Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited), by Aldous Huxley. Frankly this book was approached with apprehension. One had heard so much about it—fulsome praise—quiet appreciation—downright disparagement—that reading it seemed a rather big task. Equally frankly it is a difficult book to read and one that really needs several readings to distinguish the real story, although careful examination will reveal a strong, closely-knit plot. The story is not told in chronological order, but deals rather with four definite periods in the hero's life, with the narratives winding in and out of one another in an effort to throw light upon a certain incident. Although the "blurb" remarks that the cinema has accustomed people to such manoeuvres, it does not follow that the story is equally easy to understand. Actual visualization is more productive of understanding as a rule than visualization attained through mental concentration.

Anthony Beavis was a man who desired the attachment of a philosopher and liberty from the emotional ties involved by family life or permanent attachments of any sort. Economically he was able to achieve a degree of liberty impossible for less favored mortals; morally he was unhampered by the slightest scruples, yet as middle-age approached he discovered that he could not attain the sort of liberty he desired—and that the past, present and future were inextricably mingled. The past importunately projected itself into the present, no present sensation or thought but had its genesis in the past. As Anthony himself thought, "Even the seemingly most solid fragments of present reality are riddled with pitfalls. What could be more uncompromisingly there, in the present, than a woman's body in the sunshine? And yet it had betrayed him. The firm ground of its sensual immediacy, and of his own physical tenderness had opened beneath his feet and precipitated him into another time and place. Nothing was safe . . . A chalk pit, a picture gallery, a brown figure in the sun, a skin . . . somewhere in the mind a lunatic shuffled a pack of snapshots and dealt them out at random, shuffled once more and dealt them out in different order, again and again, indefinitely. There was no chronology. The idiot remembered no distinction between before and after . . . and who was to decide which snapshots were to be kept, which thrown away?"

Accordingly the author has taken four definite periods in Anthony's life—1902 to 1904, which covers the death of his mother and his father's remarriage; 1912 to 1914, when Mary Amberley was his mistress; 1926—August 30, 1933, when Anthony's life was intertwined with that of Helen Ledwidge, Mary's daughter; August 31, 1933, to 1935, after Helen broke with him, and he discovered that his philosophy of life was a broken reed and made an effort to reorientate himself. Although all the incidents portrayed are by no means "snapshots from his mind," each incident plays an essential part in the progress of the story. Intellectually and spiritually Mr. Huxley has given us a splendid, unique contribution to the problems that confront man at this present time.

"Lights Are Bright" (Hogarth Press-Longmans, Green & Co.), by Anna D. Whyte. A gay, odd little story in this, although catastrophes such as hurricanes and cyclones are employed by the author to form a background for the human elements. The characterizations are deftly handled, the humor whimsical and the prose excellent.

The scene is not a new one—a cargo ship with a limited number of passengers, but one seldom reads a story with New Zealand as part of the locale, so this book adds to its other interesting qualities that of originality.

The story opens at a leisurely pace, but life on a small ocean vessel must, of necessity, be leisurely. The passengers are all types—gregarious—self-sufficient—furtive—frank. Alan Bray was the self-sufficient type, a young man averse to marriage—poetically-soiled, yet cast by parental decree into the role of Antipodean sales-manager for the Bray Motors. Marian Green was frankly an English clergyman's daughter enroute to marry "a suitable young man" at Suva.

There was certainly nothing to bring these two into the bonds of a romantic attachment, but the combined effect of youth and moonlight on the Pacific did just that. However, neither of them intended doing anything about it and Marian's marriage to Hugo was scheduled to take place, but a providential hurricane intervened. This is realistically described and brings affairs to a climax although several months, plus a New Zealand earthquake, are required before the reunion of the lovers.

"They say Jones is devoted to his golf and his wife is equally fond of auction sales."

"Yes, and the funny part about it is that they both talk in their sleep. The other night the people in the next flat heard him shout, 'Fore!' and immediately his wife yelled 'Five!'"

Britain's Recovery

By J. Edward Norcross

Public Order Bill—Labor and Elections—Canada and Cottons—Duke of Kent's Slogan—B. C. and London

INCREASED Christmas spending and increased Postoffice returns are remarkably good indices of improved conditions in trade and industry, but one must look farther back for the basic betterment of which they are symptomatic.

Increased industrial earnings tell the real story. According to a financial authority, the prices of thirty industrial ordinary shares have risen from about 95 to 123, while the equity price of 178 industrial concerns shows an improvement of more than 100 per cent since the recovery began in 1932.

"Increase in earnings and dividends may be illustrated by the profits of 382 companies whose annual reports were recently published and showed an increase of more than 14 per cent compared with last year," writes the authority quoted.

"All available figures go to show that earnings on ordinary capital have now recovered almost to the pre-depression figure," he continues, "and that a larger proportion of earnings is being withheld for reserve than in 1929."

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Coming down to particulars, Mr. Baldwin told the Glasgow Conservatives the other day that the output of saleable coal from Scotland had risen by 2,500,000 tons a year, compared with two years ago. Foreign shipments had increased in the last five years by over 1,000,000 tons.

The coal trade will benefit immediately by the doubling of the quota for British coal admitted to France. Britain's normal quota is 468,000 tons a month. Something like 1,000,000 tons are being shipped this December, the supplementary quota also being raised.

According to Dr. Burgin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, the iron and steel industry had developed in five years from a period of unparalleled depression to one of unparalleled prosperity. At one time the unemployment rate had been 44 per cent, he said. It had fallen to 14.3 per cent.

Previously the record year for the production of steel ingots and castings was 1917, when it reached 9,750,000 tons. That record had been broken in 1935, and this year production would be well over 11,500,000 tons, he added.

Liverpool has been trying to get itself classified as a distressed area, but the Mersey Dock and Harbor Board reports that the tonnage of vessels paying dock tonnage rates had increased by 284,000 to 15,770,000, a figure exceeded only in 1927 and 1930.

London finds that for the first time in twelve years there has been a decrease in the number of empty properties. As empty properties do not pay rates in Great Britain, the London County Council has good reason to know the figures.

Increases in Pay

EVEN the depressed cotton industry is showing signs of improvement, as witness the acceptance by the employers, and also by the employees, of an award of increases of pay for weavers amounting to 7.3 per cent on current wages for those engaged in the better classes of cloth and greater increases for those working on lower-paid types.

The award was made by a conciliation board. It will add $4,500,000 to the annual wages bill, most of the 150,000 employees benefiting.

The conciliation board, however, rejected the claim of the workers for a minimum wage. Weaving is piece-work, and the standard of operation is four looms per man or woman, both sexes being employed and on absolutely equal terms. But the operative may not be given four looms, but only three, or even two, the weekly earnings being cut proportionately.

Thus it may happen, and does happen in a large number of cases, that the worker would receive more money if he or she were on the dole. But so long as the employer offers three or two looms, the employee must accept.

Efforts have been made to obtain partial assistance from the authorities, but the Government has steadily set its fact against what would amount to a subsidizing of low wages.

The grievance is a very real one, and the weaving industry cannot be considered on a sound basis so long as it continues.

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Weaving depends upon spinning. Unfortunately, there is a different tale to tell of this branch of the industry. Negotiations for higher wages between the working and the master spinners broke down completely just when conciliation on the weaving side had accomplished a great success.

At the very time that terms were being concluded with the weavers, the representatives of 125,000 spinners, meeting in the near neighborhood and simultaneously with the other conference, decided to hand in general strike notices to take effect just before Christmas.

The figures of a ballot taken among the operatives showed approximately 90 per cent in favor of a strike. The tragedy of it is that the spinning industry is busier than it has been for six years.

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As it had done a few days previously when the Special Areas (distressed districts) Act was under discussion, the House of Commons again took matters into its own hands when a Labor member brought in a bill to make holidays with pay compulsory for all classes of workers.

The bill provided that every worker should be entitled to eight days' holidays with full pay each year.

Much to the surprise of the Government, a number of Conservatives spoke in favor of the bill. The Government decided to temporize. The Secretary to the Ministry of Labor, Col. Muirhead, said he was in complete sympathy with the system of paid holidays, but he was opposed to its extension by legislative compulsion.

Government tactics were to talk the bill out, but the Opposition moved the closure, which was carried by 150 to 58. The second reading of the bill followed automatically.

It does not follow, of course, that the bill will get anywhere. Under the rules it now goes "upstairs," where the Standing Joint Committees sit. When it comes down again it will rest with the Government whether time shall be found for it or not. Mr. Baldwin says it can't.

Public Order Bill

IT was smooth sailing enough for the Government with the Public Order Bill, the measure which is designed to put a stop to the wearing of uniforms for political purposes and is aimed at such organizations as that of Sir Oswald Mosley.

The several clauses were discussed most amicably, the Labor Party being quite at one with the rest of the House in objecting to the tactics of the Blackshirts.

The bill provides also for the preservation of order in public meetings, and to that end confers additional powers on the police. There was some disagreement over this clause and also over one limiting the right of processions. A division was challenged only once, however, and the malcontents were defeated by 247 to thirteen.

There was a good deal of mild joking over the matter of uniforms. Would a tie or a shirt constitute a uniform, was asked. Would women who wore black blouses to show a certain amount of affection for Sir Oswald Mosley commit an offence? Would a procession of men in top hats and white spats be considered to be in uniform?

Beyond deciding that a tie was not a uniform, the Attorney-General, Sir D. Somerville, would give no judgment on these issues.

The bill is to become law before Christmas.

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When the occasion arises, democracy, acting through the British Parliament, can move as effectively and as quickly as any dictatorship.

The Government bill to prohibit the use of British ships for the carriage of arms to Spain is being put through all its stages on the day this is written. It will be sent forthwith to the Lords, and receive the Royal Assent directly afterwards.

This is accomplished by short-circuiting the long and complicated procedure by which bills normally find their way to the Statute Book. It is moved on behalf of the Government that the Standing Orders be suspended and, that being carried, the rest would follow almost automatically.

The record for speedy passage is still held by "Dora." When war broke out in 1914, the Defence of the Realm Act was passed into law by both Houses in a few hours consecutively. The measure was not even printed before the King's assent was given.

It is worth noting, by the way, that while British ships registered in Great Britain are now debarred from carrying arms to Spain, British ships registered in Canada are, so far as the British act is concerned, quite free to do so, as are also the ships registered in the ports of any of the self-governing Dominions.

The Dominions will have to enact their own prohibitory legislation—good evidence, if evidence were needed, of the independence, the complete autonomy, and the equal status of the Dominions as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Incidentally, if Dominion ships carry arms to Spain, the British Navy will not protect them.

Labor and Elections

THE Labor Party have the right to expect a swing of the political pendulum in their favor a year after a general election. So far there are no signs of it. Two bye-elections have just been held. At Preston they failed to recover the seat and, indeed, polled fewer votes than they had done a year before.

The Conservatives also lost several thousand votes, possibly owing to the intervention of a lady who fought solely on the platform that spinsters should receive old age pensions at 55 years of age and who scored just about the 3,000 missing from the Conservative tally.

Labor did better at Greenock. It captured the seat from the Government. This was quite expected, for the vacancy had been caused by the death of a Liberal Nationalist who had been elected in 1910 and had been re-elected as a matter of course ever since. The result, therefore, in such a constituency as Greenock, was not significant from the general political standpoint.

Preston is a cotton manufacturing town which has suffered severely from the depression. There, if anywhere, Means Test propaganda should have shown results.

In the thirteen bye-elections that have taken place since the general election, Labor has captured four seats, and in two instances on a smaller vote than had been polled by the party a year ago.

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All is forgotten and forgiven by the Labor Party so far as Sir William Jowitt is concerned.

When the National Government was formed all those Labor members who joined it or gave it support were solemnly read out of the Labor Party. Several of them have since sought forgiveness, but have been unable to find a place for repentance.

Sir William was originally a Liberal in politics. He was elected for Hartlepool in 1922 and for Preston in 1924 and 1929, on each occasion as a Liberal.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was called upon to form a Government in 1929 and Sir William went over to the Labor Party and became Attorney-General. At that time members of a new Government had to stand for re-election. The Preston voters condoned Sir William's political change of coat and he remained member for the town and Attorney-General until 1931.

When the National Government was formed he stuck to his leader, but at the general election which followed, 1931, Preston apparently felt that two changes of party allegiance were at least one too many. He was defeated and has been out of the House ever since.

The national executive of the Labor Party has now decided to readmit him. He is the first of those who were expelled to regain the fold. It is reported that Lord Allen of Hurtwood and Viscount Sankey may also be readmitted.

At the same meeting of the executive a motion was carried censuring Sir Stafford Cripps, the naughty boy of the party, for saying at Stockport that it would not be a bad thing for the British working classes if Great Britain were defeated in a war with Germany—or words that bore that interpretation.

Canada and Cotton

IT is not entirely because a rather one-sided bargain was driven at Ottawa that Lancashire has not exported cotton goods to Canada as freely as the County Palatine has desired.

The senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada, Mr. F. W. Field, has been telling the manufacturers over here some very plain truths.

Better business can be done with Canada, he says, if Lancashire cotton manufacturers will pay closer attention to Canada's particular requirements.

In the course of his report for 1935-36 Mr. Field says:

"It is impossible to ignore the fact that the domestic mills are each season becoming more efficient and producing qualities and weaves which were formerly bought from United Kingdom manufacturers.

"While Lancashire can still do considerable business in Canada, for bulk business it is necessary to concentrate on a few qualities suited to the market at the right price rather than to deal in a large assortment of fabrics of which only a small percentage is suited to the Canadian trade."

Mr. Field quotes the following criticism as emanating from one of the largest Canadian wholesale drygoods houses:

"The styling in printed cotton goods is not so good as in Canada or the U.S.A. The combining of colors is frequently not good, and the colors themselves are often too thick and the wrong shades for Canadian taste.

"There is a marked absence of originality in the printed cloths. Usually the same cloths are printed year after year."

Lancashire, however, has practically the whole of Canadian trade in cotton handkerchiefs. Just at present Canada wants boxed handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts.

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Again and again women who in great distress have killed their young children are convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged with all the usual dread formality, everybody being perfectly aware that the sentence, which the judge must pronounce, will never be carried out.

A bill is now before the House of Commons which makes the crime, if the child is under eight years of age, infanticide, the woman to be dealt with and punished as if she had been guilty of manslaughter.

Formerly women who killed their new-born babies were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death, but the law in such cases was changed a number of years ago—after a famous judge, before passing the death sentence, had told the woman to take no notice of what he was about to say.

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After astonishing Oxford University by most casually raising his gift of $6,250,000 for medical research to $10,000,000, Lord Nuffield announces that one million shares of ordinary stock, present value $10,620,000, will be distributed among his employees, the men and women "on the clock," and that the first distribution of dividend will be made at the end of the year.

This makes the workers in the Morris concerns shareholders also. There are nine Morris organizations. The beneficiaries already have holidays with pay.

Apart from this latest example of his munificence, Lord Nuffield's gifts to various public bodies during the last ten years amount to $16,325,000. There will be no more, however, for some time.

He explained in an interview that, in spite of the donations he had already made, the amount of his promises had never been larger.

Trade and Tourist

THE Duke of Kent has invented a new slogan. "Nowadays trade follows the tourist," he told the Travel and Industrial Development Association at their annual banquet.

Lord Derby, the president of the association, declared the Duke's slogan a most excellent one.

It was stated at the banquet that tourist travel was increasing year by year. It had been asserted that the Jubilee celebrations had been the cause of the great increase last year, but the figures for the first nine months of 1936 were higher still.

It was estimated that during the year ending March 31 last, overseas visitors spent more than $130,000,000 in this country, a sum almost equal to the value to exports of coal, one-fourth of tourist expenditure was distributed in the purchase of merchandise.

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Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the Labor member for Jarrow, scored rather neatly off Mr. Eden when humanitarian activities in Spain were under discussion in the House of Commons.

"Would it not be better," she sweetly asked the Foreign Secretary, "to evacuate the Spaniards and leave the foreigners to carry on the war."

Miss Wilkinson had another amusing little recontre with Lord Winterton, the Conservative member for Horsham, during the debate on the Public Order Bill.

The member for Yarrow had complained of the treatment accorded the hunger-marchers from her constituency by the Chief Constable of York.

"He was doing something he probably had no power to do," said Lord Winterton. "If anybody had challenged him, his action would probably have been taken to the House of Lords before it could be decided."

"It is the first time I find myself in complete agreement with the noble lord," retorted Miss Wilkinson. "We may find ourselves in a minority of two."

Lord Winterton blushed. "I am much embarrassed," he said.

Crystal Palace Fire

THE Crystal Palace, the destruction of which by fire deprives London and the country of unique facilities for great musical and other festivals, band competitions and mass entertainments generally, dates back eighty-five years.

About the middle of last century the Prince Consort conceived the idea that a great exhibition of the products of the countries of the world would be invaluable in promoting peace among the nations. Thus the first international exhibition every organized came into existence in 1851.

There was, however, no building in which the exhibits could be housed and the committee called for plans. Designs were submitted by 233 architects and all were rejected. The committee then produced its own plan, a brick building of enormous size, which was described by the architects as a monstrosity.

Then a man who had been a gardener's boy, and was still a gardener and no architect, stepped in. He was Joseph Paxton, the Duke of Devonshire's gardener. He saw the Prince Consort and sketched for him on a piece of blotting paper the plans for a building of glass, copying on a larger scale the lily house he had built for the Duke at Chatsworth.

The Prince Consort liked the plan, the committee did not, but the Prince had his way, and so the Crystal Palace came into being in Hyde Park.

The Palace was hailed as the eighth wonder of the world, Paxton became famous forthwith and was knighted.

Several years later the Palace was taken down and rebuilt on the Norwood Ridge, where all London and a dozen counties saw it blaze the other night.

At this time of writing there is no expectation that it will ever be rebuilt.

The Great Buccaneer

AT this time of writing, the Rt. Hon. Lloyd George is in the West Indies. He is visiting the scenes of some of the exploits of his famous ancestor, Sir Henry Morgan, the great buccaneer.

Sir Henry, then plain Henry Morgan, became commander of a privateer before he was thirty and sailed for the West Indies, where he was elected "Admiral of the Buccaneers" three years later, 1666. For years he roved about in the Caribbean Sea, attacking Spanish settlements and sacking them.

His greatest exploit was the capture of the important city of Panama with only 400 men. Mr. Lloyd George will visit the port in the course of his travels.

The buccaneer was in disgrace in England more than once for exceeding his commission, but eventually he was knighted and appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica, in which position he developed qualities of statesmanship no less remarkable than those he had demonstrated as a warrior. He ruled the island for thirteen years, died at his post, and was buried at Port Royal.

Sir Henry amassed much wealth in the course of his expeditions, but was accused of failing to divide the spoils honestly with his followers. This and his ruthlessness towards his enemies are the only blots on his reputation as one of the early Empire-builders.

Mr. Lloyd George is said to have a great admiration for his ancestor. The former Premier's detractors, however, affect to find in his career proofs of the influence of heredity.

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According to the Registrar-General's statistical review for 1934, just published, a child born in Summer has a much better chance of surviving than one born in Winter. Of each 1,000 children born in the four Winters, 1930 to 1934, eighty-nine died during the first two years of their lives, and only seventy-five of those born in Summer. The Spring and Autumn figures, respectively, were seventy-seven and eighty-two.

Maternal death-rate figures disclose that confinement is more hazardous for the wives of professional men and those of allied classes than for those of skilled and semi-skilled workers, and that the danger is least with those of unskilled workers, the deaths per thousand live births being, respectively, 4.44, 4.13 and 3.89.

The rise in the death-rate from angina pectoris and degenerative diseases of the heart has risen continuously during the last fifteen years, but more rapidly among men than among women.

It is suggested that this may be an after-result of the war, average physique of men from 50 to 65 years being lower owing to the elimination of the fittest and to the strains to which the survivors were subjected.

B.C. and London

IF Mr. W. A. McAdam, Acting-Agent-General of British Columbia, has his way about it, the first visit of a Lord Mayor of London to British Columbia will not be the last.

Mr. McAdam had the honor, the other evening, of proposing the toast of "The Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London" at a dinner given in the Guildhall by the Guild of Freemen.

"I take it," said Mr. McAdam, "that British Columbia has been singled out for this distinction on account of the link so recently and so happily established between it and the City of London by the state visit of my Lord Mayor's distinguished predecessor."

Mr. McAdam went on to describe how that "historic event" had come about, and dwelt on the colorful scene in the streets of Vancouver when the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, with the Sheriffs and members of the Corporation, passed through them, "resplendent in civic robes."

Mr. McAdam reminded his hearers that the Church of St. Mary Woolnoth, in Lombard Street, the parish church of the Lord Mayors of London, had presented to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, a beautiful Elizabethan flagon.

St. Mary's, he continued, had now expressed a willingness to become British Columbia's church in London. The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and Corporation would attend a special British Columbia service on May 18 next—the anniversary of the death of Captain George Vancouver. It would mean, he hoped, the addition of one more annual ceremony to the traditions of the Mansion House. It also meant that every Anglican of British Columbia who came to London would have his own church for Divine worship.

"I am moved to express the hope," Mr. McAdam added, "that Sir George may be able to follow in the footsteps of his distinguished predecessor and visit us on the Pacific."

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Mr. McAdam took occasion to insist that British Columbia was decidedly "British," especially in its views on finance.

"We are very proud of the word 'British' in British Columbia, and we are resolute to preserve and maintain and be worthy of all its stands for," he said.

"Seventy-nine per cent of our population is of British stock, and alike in our public and our social life we adhere faithfully to the British tradition.

"Not once, but many times, in these late years of depression has our Finance Minister, the Hon. John Hart, publicly declared his faith in that tradition. He has repeatedly given assurance that come what may, the sterling obligations of British Columbia would be rigorously respected and preserved, and only three weeks ago, in presenting his Budget, he said:

"'Prosperity is returning to British Columbia because the Province has refused to be misled by quack nostrums of financial recovery and has remained faithful to orthodox financing.'"

New Royal Family Is Loved Throughout Empire

Central Press Canadian Photograph

A family known and loved throughout the Empire is the new Royal Family of Great Britain, formerly that of the thirteenth Duke of York, Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George, second son of the late King George V. Succeeding to the Crown that his elder brother Edward laid aside, the Duke, now His Majesty George VI of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, and Emperor of India, takes up the duties of kingship with an Empire satisfied that he will follow the footsteps of his father, the well-beloved. The Empire's new Queen, wedded to her royal consort in 1923, was born the daughter of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, of an ancient and noble Scottish line. Princess Elizabeth (left), now ten years old, is the world's most popular child. She early won her way into the hearts of the people she may some day rule, and who affectionately dubbed her the Sweetheart of the Empire. Her younger sister is Princess Margaret Rose, who was hailed in Scotland, homeland of her mother, as their own particular Princess Charming.

Lighter-Weight Autos Forseen by Engineers

BY EDWARD W. MORRISON

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FURTHER strides in reducing the weight of the automobile are foreseen among Detroit engineers, as they continue to press their experiments with light metals and with eliminating surplus parts from the motor car.

Speaking before the Detroit section of the Society of Automotive Engineers, James W. Greig, of the engineering department of Hudson Motor Car Co., listed at least six possibilities for future weight reduction. In almost every case these open the way to readjustment of manufacturing costs that may benefit the buyer.

Glass in the automobile can be made lighter through the use of a synthetic product, Mr. Greig declared.

Doors, through the development of new methods in stamping, through improved materials and revamped design, can shed some of their weight, he said.

Some of the sheet metal, he said, can be eliminated with the aid of restyling; other pieces can be modified.

The seats, while hardly adding much to the weight of the car, may be the object of study on textiles.

Changes in the structural framework of the car, in the opinion of Mr. Greig, can contribute also in lifting some of the overall weight.

"The frameless body, as it is being used at present, will be altered a great deal," he said, "as the technique of using very light metal for strength is gained. In the automobile industry this has not been developed as extensively as in airplane construction, but we are now finding that it is a very important item.

"In the era of 1910 to 1920," Mr. Greig continued, "a condition existed where each part was being designed by a specialist, independent of every other part. Of course, this brought about excessive weight.

"There were exceptions to the rule, however, because great strides were made by companies, who at that time controlled the complete design of their car. From this era we obtained the knowledge of the use of sheet metal and developed it to a point where a saving in weight became a big factor.

Back to 1900

"IN 1937 models, thirty-six years later, we find ourselves closer to the 1900 model—just a buggy with a motor hung in it, driving the rear wheels with a chain—inasmuch as we are building a body unit to which we assemble our power plant, axles, etc.

"The stylist controls to a great extent the construction of an automobile body. It is because of the stylist that the designer cannot go radical in the design of construction.

"The science of welding has developed the ability to save weight through not overlapping materials, the saving of bolts, nuts and rivets. It was through this development in welding that we now have the one-piece roof and back panels without excessive weight and waste.

"The chemist, in developing materials, has contributed, naturally, because of the reduction in the specific gravity of the materials used, zinc, aluminum, synthetic resins and the like."

To develop a body-frame combination, Mr. Greig said, it will be "necessary to do some worrying about such models as convertible coupes, phaetons and convertible sedans, which have no inherent strength in the body alone, but must depend on the sub-structure or frame. This, of course, can be met, but the design will have to be developed so that a great number of models can be produced without too excessive an outlay for tooling. Trucks also are built on passenger car types of chassis frames, but, of course, this also can be changed."

Comparative Weights

USING a 3,000-pound car, Mr. Greig estimated the chassis weight at about 1,500 pounds and the body weight at approximately 900. Of the chassis, 300 pounds is the weight of the frame, he said. Of the body, 300 pounds is the shell structure minus all doors. This gives the structural unit of the car a weight of about 600 pounds.

"To account for the 600 pounds of body weight that is not used for structure, we find that 255 pounds are in the weight of the doors and 175 pounds are in the weight of the seats. The glass has a total weight of fifty-five pounds, and other trim and incidentals, such as carpet, cloth, cardboard, insulation, hardware, etc., make up the rest, about 170.

"The body shell, as it is being used today—this being the formed shell which encloses the space of the body—weighs 250, showing that there are fifty pounds of material used for brackets, rivets and bolts.

"By actual weight there is approximately, even with all the welding we have done, thirty-five pounds of bolts, nuts and rivets still being used in the body. The sheet metal such as hood, radiator shell, fenders, etc., of the car, which has no structural bearing whatever, but is merely used to cover objectionable parts and give a smooth appearance, is 181 pounds."

The splendid moon and the silvered palm trees, the violet shadows of the ruddy earthen houses, the fires where the sheep are roasting in the centre of a circle of longbeards chatting to each other, two white Arabs at their prayers, our purple Spahis passing, far away the muted sound of flutes and tambourines, and the great screen of the mountains with their deep soft shadows—it is a vast fairyland. —Marshal Lyautey.

Great Britain and the Dominions Overseas

Johannesburg Shows Striking Activity in Building During Year

All Indications Point to Prolonged Continuation of Abnormal Business on Witwatersrand—Totals Are High in Many Important Centres

JOHANNESBURG.—In the twelve months ended June 30, the value of building plans passed in Johannesburg, excluding the Witwatersrand, was £8,744,801, a figure which exceeded the total value of plans passed in the whole Union during the twelve months ended June 30, 1931, which was considered to be a good year.

This fact is disclosed in the annual report of the executive committee of the National Federation of Building Trade Employers of South Africa.

PREDICTIONS FAIL

The report states that despite predictions to the contrary the period of abnormal building activity on the Witwatersrand has been further extended, and all the indications are that this activity will be continued for some time.

Johannesburg's peak month in the year under review was April last, when 1,015 plans to the value of £915,459 were passed.

SOME HIGH TOTALS

Capetown in the twelve months ended June passed plans to the value of £2,663,347, and the figures for other centres were: Durban, £1,005,451; Pretoria, £1,110,913; Bloemfontein, £53,294; East London, £377,943; Port Elizabeth, £567,112; Maritzburg, £121,338, and the Witwatersrand, excluding Johannesburg, £4,058,472.

"KING" GOING TO ENGLAND

Sole Proprietor of Cocos Island Will Be Home for Christmas

SINGAPORE (BUP).—"The King of Cocos Islands" is on his way to England for Christmas.

He is John Sidney Clunies-Ross, sixty, a former London businessman, and fourth "king" of the rich group of twenty-three islands in the Indian Ocean, a few miles from the Equator.

Clunies-Ross is hoping that it will snow for Christmas in England this year. This will be the first time he has sat around a fire on Christmas Day for many years.

THE FIRST STAGE

The first stage of his voyage to England was aboard the little steamer Islander, which visits the Cocos Islands once every four months.

"My wife is already in England with our children, staying at Exeter with her mother, and I expect that after a few weeks' stay we shall return to the Cocos Islands together," he said upon arrival in Singapore.

Although he is popularly known as the "king" of the Cocos Islands, Clunies-Ross does not like the unofficial title. He is persuading the islanders to speak of him as "Tuan Governor," or Lord Governor, while abroad he speaks of himself as "the sole proprietor" of the islands.

BRITISH POSSESSION

The Cocos Islands have been a British possession since 1857, and are now part of the colony of the Straits Settlements, being administered by the Colonial Office through the settlement of Singapore.

Clunies-Ross is the fourth "king" and second of his "line" to have a white wife. Mrs. Clunies-Ross, a Devonian in the early thirties, met her "king" husband when he was in business in London before he took over the responsibility of governing the islands.

They have four children. They will all spend a "homely Christmas" in the Exeter villa where Mrs. Clunies-Ross is now staying, and on Christmas Eve this tropical "king" will enjoy the fun of playing Father Christmas.

BRITISH CONVICTS MAKE MUNITIONS

LONDON (BUP).—Convicts in British prisons are busy helping in the rearmament programme.

They are making gas masks, military sandbags, kitbags, small airplane parts and ambulance boxes.

At Maidstone Gaol, 5,000 gas masks are made every week. Men with long criminal records serving terms of penal servitude are employed in making the metal parts of the masks instead of doing the normal heavy punishment duty. In the prison's machine shop skilled workmen are making small parts of airplanes.

Prisoners in the second division are stitching sandbags and soldiers' packs instead of mailbags.

At Dartmoor privileged convicts are being given "hush-hush" armament tasks. Convicts at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, are carrying out work similar to that at Maidstone.

The Home Office hopes with the aid of this prison labor to soon make gas masks available for every one of Britain's 43,000,000 inhabitants.

FILM AIDS YARD TRACE MURDERERS

Street Photographer's Random Shot Provides Long-Looked-For Clue

EIGHT THOUSAND WERE EXAMINED

LONDON (BUP).—A movie film has aided Scotland Yard in capturing and convicting two murderers.

Alfred Straford has been sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Ada Fortescue at Shepherd's Bush, and Mary Flynn to eight years penal servitude for manslaughter. Had it not been for George Millar, a curbside movie photographer, the crime might never have been solved.

When Mrs. Fortescue was found dead on August 14 it was established that a Mr. and Mrs. Williams had been lodging with her. Near the body was found a label from a women's dress bearing the name of a London shop.

TOOK HIS PICTURE

The clerk who had sold the dress could not describe the woman to whom she had sold the dress. Detective Inspector Huish, disappointed that his only clue had led to a blind alley, left the shop. As he did so a moving picture photographer took his picture.

George Millar, the photographer, told the detective that he had been filming passers-by for several months. Inspector Huish decided to take a million-to-one chance. At the Yard a theatre was arranged, and day after day, neighbors of the dead woman sat with the police as thousands of pictures were flashed on the screen.

Eight thousand shots had been screened before one of the audience recognized a film of the two vanished lodgers. Within a few hours the printing presses of Scotland Yard were turning out leaflets with photographs of the couple for distribution to police stations all over England.

RECOGNIZED IN CROWD

The hunt ended a few weeks later when a detective, attached to the Bow Road station, recognized the man in a crowd, took him into custody, and later captured the woman.

SEEK VILLAGE TERROR

LUCKNOW, India (AP).—Police are offering $1,600 reward for the arrest of a Conda outlaw who has cowed people in nearby rural areas into submission and is alleged to have been responsible for twenty murders.

Boys Learning to Play Polo at English School

Judging From the Way She Is Riding Full Out on Top of the Ball, This English Instructress Is Putting the Two Young Men on Their Mettle in an Exhibition Game Played at Bradfield.

Developing Efficient Ground Organization For Atlantic Flight

Problems of All-the-Year-Round Air Service Are Different From Those of Occasional Flights For Record—Investigating Winds

LONDON (BUP).—As part of the preparations for the preliminary commercial flights which are to be made on the North Atlantic between Great Britain and Canada, the energies of the authorities concerned are now being focussed upon the development of an efficient system of ground organization in this form of meteorology and long-range wireless.

It is here that the problems of establishing a regular all-the-year-round air service are so different from that of accomplishing an occasional record flight across the Atlantic. The record-breaking airman can choose his own time for starting his flight. He can await ocean weather conditions which are most suitable for his purpose. And then on his actual record dash, in order to save weight and allow for the carriage of a maximum load of fuel, he may decide to dispense with the use of any wireless set in his machine.

The operation of a commercial service entails conditions which are, from a weather point of view, far more onerous than those which confront aerial record-breakers. The commercial air mail, if it is to be of any real use to the business world, must not only fly fast, but it must also fly with sufficient regularity. This means operating in bad weather as well as in fine. It means the establishment of a meteorological organization which will not only provide ocean-flying pilots with accurate forecasts before they start a flight, but which will furnish them, while they are in the air, with wireless reports as to any sudden weather change that may be taking place on the route ahead of them.

It is the creation of such an organization as this which is now actively in hand. Ships and shore-stations will play their part in it. Powerful wireless stations will flash their reports and signals over long distances. And the wireless organization will not only keep the flying postmen fully informed as to weather conditions on the Atlantic, but special long-range stations, fitted with the latest "homing" and other devices, will guide ocean-flying pilots as they speed high above the Atlantic.

One of the special investigations which has now been put in hand is to determine the average strength of the winds blowing on the North Atlantic flying route, this applying more particularly to the question of the strength of the prevailing west-to-east winds.

Vital weather data is being obtained not only by specially equipped ground stations, but also by systematic flights by airplanes containing skilled meteorologists.

Aerial science in all its latest forms is being pitted against the problems of the North Atlantic, and the forces of modern science will conquer on this great ocean route, as they have on others, it is confidently expected.

Ice-Cream Cone Six Feet High Is Feast's Feature

SYDNEY, N.S.W. (BUP).—Something new in ice creams was provided for former pupils and their guests at the jubilee of the Methodist Ladies' College here. It was six feet high, weighed 250 pounds, and was built in seven tiers, colored pale blue and dark blue (the college colors), and adorned with the college badge.

BEER BILL OF BRITAIN BIGGER

Women Largely Responsible For Increase and for Changing Brands

LONDON (BUP).—Great Britain's beer bill is up nearly $5,000,000 a month, compared with 1935.

From January to September, inclusive, Britain consumed 16,751,000 barrels of beer of thirty-six gallons each, valued at approximately $603,036,000, compared with 16,348,000 barrels in the same period of the previous year.

More women are drinking beer, and largely because of them the fashion is changing from heavy and bitter ales to light, brilliant and "polished" beers.

Women who previously refused to drink beer in "pubs" or from pewter tankards in restaurants now take it in roadhouses and modern restaurants, where it is served in artistic mugs and glasses. More bottled beers are sold because of the popularity of flats, where people cannot keep a cellar.

GIVES LEAD TO THE DOMINIONS

Australia Accepts Imperial Government's Suggestion For Recruiting Scheme

LONDON (BUP).—Australia has given a lead to other Dominions by accepting the overseas recruiting scheme for the Royal Air Force suggested by the Imperial Government.

While the Australian Government has accepted the plan to send a first batch of fifty trained pilots and twenty-five a year thereafter for regular service in the R.A.F., the Canadian Government is still considering a similar proposal by the British Government.

The proposal to Canada is that she should select and train fifteen pilots a year to be sent to the R.A.F. after training for a regular period of service, after which they should return to Canada and be placed on the reserve. It has been suggested that Canada should further send twenty-five selected men to England for training as pilots after which they would get short-term commissions and then go back to Canada on the reserve.

New Zealand and South Africa were also approached under this supplementary recruiting scheme. South Africa explained that she was too busy with her own internal air development to spare pilots for the R.A.F., while New Zealand had too few training facilities and had very reluctantly to be left out. This is one of the problems which Wing Commander R. A. Cochrane, the R.A.F. expert lent to New Zealand, will tackle during his stay in the Dominion.

WORTHING, England (AP).—A town protest is being organized here against a Ministry of Transport scheme to build a road through Findon Valley at a cost of $175,000.

Face-Lifting at Westminster to Be Tedious Job

Houses of Parliament Will Be Masked by Scaffolding for at Least Six Years More—Testing Gait by Electricity—National Time Still Distributed by Train

By GLANVILLE CAREW

LONDON (BUP).—Our Houses of Parliament are to be in splints for at least another six years. No Londoner or visitor to London for years past has looked upon these buildings except through a tangle of scaffolding and canvas shrouds more or less enveloping them.

When the Parliament Buildings were built some ninety years ago, no one foresaw the damage which the London atmosphere—infinitely less acid laden then than now—would do the stone in general and the delicate Gothic ornamentation and statuary in particular.

REPLACING MASONRY

So bad did the damage become that some eight years ago the work of replacing some thousands of tons of cracked and crumbling masonry was undertaken, and great numbers of pieces of the original stone, statues of kings and queens, stone lions and gargoyles, have been removed and replaced. Every statue and piece of stone removed is recarved in exact replica. The ultimate cost will be little, if anything, short of a million pounds sterling. On the other side of the account, the Office of Works has sold to the souvenir hunters in this country, the Dominions and the United States, to say nothing of other countries, great numbers of small portions of stone-work.

The material being used for the replacement work is a very hard limestone which will soon tone down to the hue of the building. It is expected to last unimpaired for hundreds of years.

TESTING THE GAIT

Only one woman in evry ten walks properly; the majority of men are equally at fault. So say the scientists. Two of them have made an investigation of the causes and cure of bad gait.

At the London headquarters of the Boot Trade Research Association scientific laboratories have been equipped with the latest devices. One of these provides a "gait test." A sort of golosh is slipped over the shoes. On the sole of the golosh are six small studs which are connected electrically with a recording instrument. One of the points of contact is in the heel, the other five are distributed around the outside of the base of the foot. As each point makes contact with the ground it is recorded on the instrument.

The wearer walks the plank—so to speak. It is a moving platform mounted on rollers. In this way are reproduced all the movements of walking. Tests have been made on this instrument by a mannequin and a famous walker, and they have been filmed to provide a permanent record for research workers to study.

Another test is made with a minute thermometer under the sole of the foot. This shows the temperature set up when walking, and is to help in the design of boots and shoes to be warn in Winter and cool in Summer.

The investigations by the boot scientists show that the correct way to walk is to bring the heel down on the ground first, then the outside of the foot, and afterwards the inside. It is said to be a sort of rolling gait.

That may be. But it somehow does not sound very good. It does not suggest grace in a woman. And a man with a rolling gait may well be misunderstood.

"DISTRIBUTING TIME"

In the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries—long before telephone time announcements were made and broadcasting was thought of, and synchronized clocks were yet to come—the time in this country was "distributed" by the mail coaches; afterwards by the mail trains.

That is still done today, though it has long been a superfluous custom. For instance, when the Irish Mail train leaves London this evening the chief of the train's traveling Postoffice will take with him a chronometer of the utmost accuracy which has been specially checked. On arrival at Holyhead in the early morning he will take the timepiece to the waiting mail steamer and give the skipper the correct time for sailing. Then he will take it to the Holyhead Postoffice and pass the time to the Postmaster. That official will solemnly compare the watch with his Postoffice clock. Then the watch will be taken back to London on the returning night mail.

Today, of course, the national time is distributed by signal every day from Greenwich. Nevertheless tonight thirty Postoffice superintendents will carry thirty special watches on thirty mail trains so that all concerned may know the time.

INDUSTRY IS RECOVERING

Kimberley Looks for Return Of Prosperous Diamond Mining Days

KIMBERLEY (BUP).—The diamond industry has recovered two-thirds of the ground it had lost since the boom year, 1932, and Kimberley looks for the return of its most prosperous days.

Sales for the first six months of 1936 have been estimated at $20,000,000, and it is confidently expected that a total of $40,000,000 for the year will be reached.

Sales in 1932 totaled $60,000,000. From that figure they slumped to $7,500,000 in 1933. There was a recovery to $20,000,000 in 1934, but only as the result of complete closing down by the big South African producers. During 1935, mines were gradually reopened, and sales for that year totaled $31,250,00. Now every mine in the Kimberley district is open except one, the Jagersfontein, which produces blue-white stones, and it is announced that work will soon be resumed there also.

IMPROVEMENT REFLECTED

The improvement in sales is reflected in the price of diamond shares, some of which have risen spectacularly, and are still rising. Shareholders who had seen their holdings reach the lowest level for all times are now recovering their losses.

The principal destinations of the stones in normal times are the United States, Great Britain and India. The last-named country has largely increased its purchases in recent years; reinvesting in diamonds a great deal of the proceeds of its discarded gold.

Great Britain will claim the attention of the diamond market in 1937, when big business is expected to develop as a result of the Coronation. The United States have also increased their purchases, both the important diamond centres of Antwerp and Amsterdam reporting bumper business with the United States.

OPIUM EXPORT HAS DWINDLED

An official statement issued from Simla last month has drawn attention to an act of self-denial on the part of India.

From January 1, 1936, no exports of opium have left India except for medical and scientific purposes. As a result of this action, which is aimed at the suppression of drug-taking, particularly in the Far East, India has lost an annual income of about Rs. 8 crores (£6,000,000).

It was in 1908 that the Government of India decided to reduce opium exports to China progressively. Since 1915 the aim of the Government of India has been to sell opium, so far as possible, direct to the Governments of the countries to which it is sent. It was for this purpose that they entered into direct agreements with such Governments as were willing to conclude them.

After some years of this system it was realized that purchasing Governments were not all equally alive to their obligations, and that some change would have to be made to avoid the unpleasant necessity of criticizing the demands received or of rationing the supplies. In June, 1926, it was announced that the extinction of these exports would take place in ten years. This has now been achieved.

Fourteen Died in Crash

The crushed and still flaming wreckage of the Royal Dutch air liner which crashed into an empty house a few seconds after leaving Croydon airport, England, is shown here. Fourteen persons died in the crash, including Juan de la Cierva, inventor of the autogyro. The airplane crash caused the empty house to go up in flames, adding to the horror of the scene.

Bathing Suit Was Priced Rather High

LONDON (BUP).—A bathing suit for which she said she was charged $1,000 was produced in the London Bankruptcy Court by Lady Edmee Owen when she appeared for examination.

Lady Owen, a former French actress and widow of Sir Theodore Owen, disputed a bill presented by petitioning creditors. She said that one of the items on the bill was $3,000 for inserting two sleeves in a coat which originally cost $5,000.

The petitioners also charged her $220 for ten handkerchiefs, one of which she displayed in court. Lady Owen protested that these charges and that of another firm for the bathing costume were exorbitant.

Crowds Still Gather Before Palace

Ever since the Kings of England have used Buckingham Palace as their "town house" crowds have gathered in front of the main gates whenever events of unusual interest have transpired. None, however, have attracted such crowds as the recent events leading up to the abdication of King Edward. Day and night for more than two weeks the sidewalks in front of the Palace were covered with anxious Londoners hoping to catch a glimpse of the principals in the controversy.